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A HIDDEN
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OF
HOLIE PRAYERS

AND
DEVOVT MEDITATIONS
Newly found out in holie
Scripture.

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I will enioyce at thy words, as he that
findeth many spoiles.



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TO THE RIGHT
 WORSHIPFUL
 JOHN PRESTON
 OF MANNER
 ESQUIRE

Br. Anthony Bate, unworthy
 Monke of the holie Order
 of Saint Benedict, wisheth
 health and eodles happiness
 in our Lord and Saviour

RIGHT worshipful
 Sir.

Peradventure you
 will wonder, I should thus

sent acquaintance, as I had
with you, whiles you lived
heere in Paris, I should pre-
sume to make choice of you to
be the Patron of this little Trea-
sury. ○ However you will not
wonder at this, since the verie
fame of your vertues affordeth
me sufficient acquaintance. To
know you, or those of your race,
is not needfull to see your fa-
ces, you are easlie known by
your vertuous actions; by these
you are distinguished from
others, for whereas others excell
in particular vertues, you (as
your verie name doth promise)
In omnibus simul virtuti-

[illegible]

regularly chosen to be the seat
of its habitation? God himself
who will not enter into a
fornicous soul, nor dwell in a
fornicous body. (1st Cor. 6:18)
concerns to enter at but life wife
sold well, yea and takes delight
(as the wise man doth affirm)
so he will such men as will
wonder all that are his
you shall come you shall do. Not
only England but France
likewise speaketh of your
wishes. Voluntas: amanda Francis
regardeth the Church of God
as a candle in a lamp and
in his own right hand
may find you in his right hand

and in your indignation Relate
 glorieth the Lawe againe; for your
 long want of libertie: in regard
 God's children; and especially
 for your feyned and fained
 civill libertie from all pride and
 dissimulation. This giueth
 me some confidence; that this
 little Treatise shalbe
 in your daily and constant
 remembrance; will finde a favoura-
 ble receiue and acceptance; and
 therein the works becom worthy
 of your remembrance; if you regard
 the author or contriuer; yet it
 is desired in respect of the mat-
 ter being written; taken out of
 the heart of man; and albeit it is

To the Christian Reader.

This is a thing well known
to every good Christian;
who hath but indifferent
insight in divine things, that the
frequent consideration and medi-
tation of the Law of God, and of his
secret mysteries, is worthily effec-
med true Wisdom, which (as the
Wise man doth affirme) is an infinite
Treasure to men; which those that
have vsed, are made partakers of the
friendship of God. For which cause
I was incited to make a collection of
certaine Prayers and Meditations,
which (with no final labour and pain-
es, as thou mayest easilie suppose)
I haue found in our Lords field, that
is, in the garden of the holy Scrip-
tures, of which (Christian Reader) I
most willingly make thee partaker.
I present them vnder the name or
title of a Treasure, not doubting but

that they will yield that that spiritual
profit and gaine of grace, which the
title doth promise. For in them thou
wilt finde foode for thy heart, instru-
ction for thy life, salues and medicines
for thy spiritual sores and sick-nesses,
remedies for thy tentations, salues
for thy labours and sorowes, and a
 firme and stedfast anchor amidst all
worldly tempests and stormes. Heere
thou wilt finde, what thou oughtest to
follow, and what thou oughtest to flee.
Heere thou wilt learne, what vn-
doubtedly is to be helieved; so wilt
thou see God is Omnipotent, and that thou
shalt see him sitting on a throne of
majesty at the day of iudgement, re-
warding the good; punishing the
wicked. Thou wilt see in this com-
pendious abridgement, how the
holy Scriptures do declare a soule
that is dejected: and how againe they
enlighten: least it should be false by
pride. Heere thou wilt see it evident,
that the holy Ghost hath disposed the
holy Scriptures in that sort that they

afford medicines for the sick; & con-
fines for the sound. Which I knowing
hath endeavored according to my
poore ability, to gather as it were a
handful of the choicest flowers; which
I could finde in the pleasant fieldes of
the holie Scriptures; & wherewith I
might make medicines for such as are
spirituallie sick and infirme: and out
of the same heavenly Treasure or ma-
gazin, I have taken perles and pre-
cious flowers, to adorne those, that are
free from the infection and corruption
of sinne. I will haue sought to accom-
modate my selfe to all sortes of per-
sons; that as the cause and necessity
is common: so this little Treatise
might be comfortable to eache one.
Which I thought good to diuide into
two partes. For sithence my spirit is
able to begin to doe well, & so per-
seuer, without the special grace of
God, which is obtained by Prayer; for
this respect the first Part containeth
seuerall sorts of Prayers. And for this
one of the chiefest causes of all this

evils and calamities, that are found in
this wale of teares, doth proceede
from the defect or want of Medita-
tion, as the Prophet Ieremie doth in-
sinuate, saying: All the earth runneth
to desolation, for that there is none,
that doth seriously applie himselfe to
Meditation: For this reason the second
Part doth consist of sondrie Medita-
tions, which I have disposed accord-
ing to our sondrie ends and necessi-
ties, and compiled in few wordes to
the end that he that list to read this
short Treatise, may buy lit with smal
expenses, and be able to carrie it about
him with ease, and haue it alwayes in
reading, as being necessarie for all
times and places: Nevertheless it is
not so short, but that it doth suffi-
ciently containe that which is requi-
site, to expresse the subiect whereof it
doth treat. And if this booke did
deserve in any sort to be commended,
it were for the generalitie of it, in
thence it doth discourse of all things,
that pertaine to all sortes of persons,
be they

be they Religious, or secular.

True it is, that the Treasure, out of which I haue taken this little, is verie rich and ample, containing diuerse other heauetly peeces and passages, worthy to be collected, which I haue not touched, but left of purpose for others of greater talent. What they finde defectiue, let them adde: let them put in order, what they finde confused; and polish that, which I haue ouer meanely expressed.

Touthing this present worke I hope (Christian Reader) that thou wilt courteously consider, that to select and collect all these things together out of diuerse places of the holy Scripture, to haue reduced each one to his seuerall Chapter, and to haue ranged them into that order, in which they are, could not be done without much labour, diligence, and care: for all which I demand no other recompence, but thy grations acceptance: hopping that this rude Treas-

tise, will satisfie all thy spiritual necessities. For it will serue thee as a Preacher; by exhorting and inciting thee to doe better: and for a booke of deuotion, furnishing thee with Prayers, and affording ample matter of Meditation, in which two things is comprized the summe of all Christian perfection. Finally this Treasure will adorne thy soule with perles and pretious stones of inestimable price: to the end, that when thou shalt be presented before the tribunal seate of Christ, to be iudged, thou mayest be found clothed (as the Apostle saith) and not naked. Farewell (gentle Reader) and be mindfull of me in thy prayers to God.



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The Approbation of the Doctours.

WE who haue subscribed of the
holy Faculty of diuinity of the
Vniuersity of Paris, Doctours and fel-
lowes of Sorbon, doe testifie our
selues to haue read the booke intitled:
*A hidden Treasure of holy Prayers
and deuout Meditations newly found
out in holy Scripture: composed by the
R. F. ANTONIE BATT of the
English Congregation of the holy Order.*



THE FIRST PART
OF THE HIDDEN
TREASVRE, NEWLIE
found in our Lord's field: con-
taining Prayers and thanks-gi-
nings.

Our Lord's prayer, and the Pa-
ter noster.

CHAPTER I.

Our Father, which art
in heauen; Hallowed
be thy name. Thy
kingdome come. Thy
will be done, in earth,
as it is in heauen. Give vs this day
our daily bread. And forgive vs our
trespasses, as we forgive them that

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trespasse against vs. And lead vs not
into temptation. But deliver vs from
euill. Amen.



*A paraphrase or exposition of the
Pater noster.*

CHAPT. II.

Our Father,

Ecclesi. 23

Heb. 12.

Isa. 63.

Galat. 4.

Galat. 4.

4.

O Lord Father, and ruler of our
life: who as vnto children of
flesh thy selfe vnto vs. For thou art
our Father, and Abraham hath not
knownen vs, and Israel hath beene
ignorant of vs: thou, O Lord, art
our Father, and our Redeemer,
from the beginning is thy name.
And now Lord, thou art our Fa-
ther, and we say: and thou art our
Redeemer, and all we the workes of
thy hands. Who (the fulnes of time
being come) hast sent thy sonne
made of a woman made vnder
the law, that he might redeeme the

found in the be lie Scripture.

that were vnder the law, that we might receiue the adoption of children. For we haue not receiued the spirit of seruitude againe in feare: but we haue receiued the spirit of sonnes, wherein we crye Abba, Father, For the Spirit himselfe giueth testimonie to our spirit, that we are the sonnes of God. And if sonnes, heires also: heires true of God and coheirs of Christ yet if we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified with him.

Blessed be thou therefore, o God Father of our Lord Iesus Christ, who hast blessed vs in all spiritual blessing, in celestiale things in Christ as thou hast chosen vs in him before the foundation of the world: that we should be holie and immaculate in his sight in charitie: who hast predestinated vs vnto the adoption of sonnes, by Iesus Christ, vnto thy selfe according to the purpose of thy will. We giue thee thanks, o God the Father, who

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hast made vs worthy to participate
of the heritage of the Saints in
the light: who hast delivered vs
from the power of darknes, and
hast translated vs into the King-
dome of the sonne of thy lone. O
what manner of charitie hast thou
given vs, O Father; that we should
be named, and be thy children?
Now, O God, we are thy sonnes,
and it hath not yet appeared what
we shall be. We know that when
thou shalt appeare, we shall be like
to thee: because we shall see thee
as thou art. I Lord I hope to see thee
Which art in heauen.
Psal. 21. But thou, the praise of Israell;
Psal. 112. dwellest in the holie place: High
above all nations, and thy glorie is
above the heauens: in a light not
accessible, whome no man hath
seen, yea neither can see. At-
tent from heauen, looke from
thy holy habitation, and from
the throne of thy glorie. Haue re-
spect to vs, and haue mercie on vs.

found in the holie Scripture. 5

let the crie of thy children come *Exod. 2.*
vnto thee. Heare vs, ô God, our *Psal. 64.*
Saviour; the hope of all the ends of
the earth, and in the sea farre. Be- *Exod. 1.*
hold our affliction and seruitude, by 3.
which we are afflicted in the wor-
kes of the earth, and call thy chil- *Ose. 11.*
dren out of Egypt: and bring vs *Exod. 3.*
out of this land, into a land good
and large, into a land that floweth
with milke and honie.

Hallowed be thy name. 6

In the meane time, vntil this cor- *1 Cor. 15*
ruption be cloathed with incorru-
ption, and this mortal be vested
with immortalitie, grant, ô God, *Ephes. 5.*
that we may be imitators of thee as
thy most deere children, and walke
as the children of the light, in all
goodnes, and iustice, and truth, ap-
proving what is well-pleasing to
thee, and conuersing wor- *1 Cor. 15*
ship of the Gospel of Christ: to the end we
may be without blame, and thy
simple children without reprehension,
in the midst of a bad and

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peruerse nation : among whome let
vs shine as lights in the world, con-
taining the word of life, to thy glo-
rie in the day of Christ. Who gave
himselfe for vs, that he might re-
deeme vs from all iniquitie, and
might cleanse to himselfe a people
acceptable, a pursuer of good
workes.

Jo. 17. Sanctifie vs in truth: thy word
1. Pet. 1. is truth: as children of obedience,
not conforming our selues to the
former desires of our ignorance:
but according to thee, who hast
called vs the Holie one, let vs also
in all conuersation be holie: be-
cause it is written: You shall be
holie, because I am holie.

Thy kingdome come.
10. 18. Thy kingdome is not of this
world, nor (as the kingdomes of this
world) of vniuers, transitorie, of
brasse, iron, or earth. But thy king-
dome is a kingdome of all workes,
and thy domination in all genera-
tion and generation: that is to say, it

found in the holie Scripture. ¶

is a kingdome, that shall not be *Dan. 2.*
dissipated for euer. O God of peace *Rom. 16.*
crush Satan vnder our feet quick-
lie: let the Prince of this world *1 Jo. 12.*
be cast forth: let thy kingdome *Matt. 6.*
come speedilie. Translate vs into the *Collos. 1.*
kingdome of the sonne of thy
loue: that we may receiue a king- *Sap. 5.*
dome of honour, and a crowne of
beautie at thy hand: being clo- *Apos. 7.*
thed in white robes, and palmes in
our hands: (for by thy benigntie
and kindnes towards vs) we are an *1. Pet.*
elect generation, a holie nation,
a people of purchase: regenerated *2. Pet. 1.*
vnto a liuelie hope, by the Resur-
rection of Iesus Christ from the
dead, vnto an inheritance incorru-
ptible, and incontaminate, and
and that cannot fade, conserued in
the heauens for vs (who in vertue of
God are kept by faith wito (Iua-
tion) readie to be reuealed in the last
time. In the meane time let vs la-
bour the more, that by good wor-
kes we may make sure our vocatiō.

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Luc. 17. and election (and that the kingdome of God may be within vs) for so there shall be ministred vnto vs abundantlie an entrance into the euerlasting kingdome of our Lord and Saviour Iesus Christ.

Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heauen.

Deut. 5. Who will giue vs to haue such a mind, that we may feare thee, and keepe all thy commandements at all times: that it may be well with vs, and with our children for euer?

Psal. 5. Lord, crowne vs as with a shield of

Psal. 29. thy good will: for life is in thy will:

Psal. 71. and therefore in thy will conduct

Ch. 142. vs. Teach vs to doe thy will, becau-

Eccle. 18. se thou art our God. Permit vs not to goe after our concupiscences, but rather to turne away from our will.

Prou. 16. For there is a way, that seemeth to a man right, and the later ends thereof

Isa. 58. lead to death: woe be to vs, if in the day of our fast owne will be found.

Certainly we glorifie thee, whiles we doe not our owne wayes, and

found in the holie Scripture. 9

our will be not found. As therefore *1. Math.*
it shall be the will in heaven, so be it
done: not our will (*Luc. 22.*) but
thine be done: For who can resist *Rom 9.*
thy will? Thou art worthy, *Apoc. 4.* O Lord
our God, to receiue glorie and ho-
nour: because thou hast created all
things, and for thy will they were
and haue bene created.

Wherefore we pray and desire *Colos. 3.*
(O heavenly Father) that we may
be filled with the knowledge of
thy will, in all wisdom, and spi-
ritual vnderstanding: that we may
walke worthy of thee, in all things
pleasing: fructifying in good wor-
kes, and encreasing in thy know-
ledge. Let vs not be conformed to
this world, but be reformed in the
newnes of our mind, that we may
proue what thy good, and accepta-
ble, and perfect will is: for this is thy *1. Thess.*
will, our sanctification. Grant vs *4.*
therefore to be like to thy Angells: *Mat 22.*
to wit, mightie in power, doing thy *Pf. 104.*
will and, hearing the voice of thy *.818*

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Mat. 18. wordes: like to thy hoastes and ministers, that doe thy will: who al-

Ezech. 1 wayes do see thy face (ô our Father wick art in heaven) and yet they

Heb. 1. goe and returne after the similitude of glistering lightning: as often as they are sent (as ministring spirits) to minister for them, which shall receiue the inheritace of saluation.

Psalm. *Give us this day our daily bread.*

44. The eyes of all hope in thee, O Lord, and thou givest their meat in time convenient: thou openest thy

Gen. 27. hand, and fillest euerie living creature with blessing: we beseech thee

Esther 14. **14.** bleesse vs also: thou knowest our

12. 4. necessitie. We worke and wish not for the meat that perisheth, but for that which endureth vnto life

Mat. 4. everlasting. Man liueth not by bread alone, but by euerie word, that proceedeth from thy mouth,

Sap. 16. 16. O God: neither do the fructs that grow, feed men: but thy word

Psalm. 119. 119. preserueth them, that beleue in thee. O how sweet are thy wordes

found in the holie Scripture. It

to our tast, more then honie to our
mouth. Feede vs (o Lord) with *Ecclesi. 15*
the bread of life and vnderstand-
ing, and giue vs the water of who-
lesome wisdom to drinke: and
we shall be made sure in thee, and
thou wilt hold vs fast, and we shall
not be confounded. There is yet an
other sort of bread, like vnto this,
of which our Lord and Saviour Je-
sus Christ doth admonish vs, saying:
My meate is to doe the will of him *Io. 4.*
that sent me: For that indeed life *Psal. 119*
is in thy will. Satiat vs thy poore
children with these breads, o
heauenly Father. Feed vs likewise *Psal. 79*
with the bread of teares, and giue
vs drinke with teares, (yet) in mea-
sure: of other sort of victuals, giue *Psal. 77*
vs (we beseech thee) in abundance.
But aboue all these things, we
entreat thee, o Father, to giue vs
to eate of the bread of Angels: *Io. 6.*
true and liuing bread, which des-
cended from heauen, to wit the
flesh of thy sonne, our Saviour Je-

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Jesus Christ, which he hath given for the life of the world: for his flesh is meate indeede, and his blood is drinke indeede: he that shall eate of this bread, shall live for ever.
Luc 11. Lord give vs alwayes this bread
Mat. 6. (our daily and substantial bread, least we faint in the way)
Mat 15. that in strength of this meate we
3. Reg. may walke vnto thy holie hill,
19. and vnto thy tabernacles.
Psal. 42.

And forgive vs our trespasses, as we forgive them, that trespass against vs.

Reg. 8. There is no man, that sinneth
1. Lo. 1. not: and if we say, that we have no sinne we seduce our selues, and the truth is not in vs. If we confesse our sinnes, thou (O Father of mercie) art faithful and iust, for to forgive vs our sinnes, and to cleanse us from all iniquitie. We therefore confesse against our selues our iniquitie to thee, to the end that thou maiest pardon the impiety of our sinne. We confesse that

found in the holie Scripture. 13

haue sinned with our fathers, we
haue dealt vniustly, we haue done
iniquitie. We all haue sinned, and
do need thy glorie, O God. Enter not
into iudgement with thy seruants,
because no man liuing shall be iu-
stified in thy sight. Call vs not thy
seruants to an account (for we can-
not answer thee one for a thou-
sand) we owe thee many talents,
and haue not wherewithall to re-
pay so great a debt: wherefore
falling prostrat at thy feet, we
beseech thee to forgive vs our
whole debt. And to end we may
obtaine mercie, and find grace,
behold we forgive euery one his
brother from our hearts.

Grant likewise, that (as thy ele-
cted, holie, and beloued) we may
put on the bowells of mercie, be-
nignitie, humilitie, modestie, pa-
tience, supporting one an other,
and pardoning one an other, if any
haue a quarrel against any man, as
thou (O God) in Christ hast par-

14 *A hidden Treasure,*

Rom. 12. donned vs, so we likewise. Let vs not render to any man euil for euil: but if it may be, as much as is in vs, let vs haue peace with all
1. Cor. 12. men. Not content with this, let vs couet gifts of greater excellencie, and seeke to walke in that more excellent way, which saint Paul hath shewed vs, and which thy sonne and our Saviour Christ Iesus hath commanded and com-
Mat. 5 mended vnto vs: that is: let vs loue our enemies, doe good to them that hate vs; and pray for them, that persecute and reproch vs: that we may be thy children, ô Father, which art in heauen: who makest thy sunne to rise vpon good and bad, and giuest raine to the iust and vniust.

And leade vs not into temptation.

Ier. 18. A clay is in the hand of the potter, so are we in thy hand, ô Lord
Lamēt. our Creatour: because we are reputed as earthen vessels: permit vs not as such to be broken in
Isai. 45.

found in the holie Scripture. ij

pieces, let no temptation, but humane, apprehend vs. Permit vs
not (I say) o God most faithfull, to be tempted aboue that which
we are able; but aide vs amidst our temptation, that we may be
able to sustaine. The life of man vpon earth is a warre-farre: arme
vs then with strength for the bataile. O Lord, Lord the strength
of our saluation, couer our heads in the day of bataile: protect vs
vnder the shadow of thy wings: be vnto vs as a wall on our right hand
and on our left: to the end, that the temptation of death touch vs
no. We do not pray, that we may not be tempted (for he that hath
not beene proued, what knoweth he: in like sort he that strueth
for the maisterie, is not crowned, vnlesse he strue lawfully, but we
pray, that we enter not into temptation, that is, that we fall not into
sinne, being drawn and allured by our owne concupiscence: that

1. Cor. 10

10¹. 7.

Psal. 7.

6. 139.

Psal. 16.

Exod.

14.

Sap. 18.

Ecc. 34.

2. Tim.

2.

Matth.

16.

1. Tim.

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Apos. 3. is, so keepe vs from the hower of
temptation, or deliuer vs from
2. Pet. 2. temptation, that when we haue
1am. 5 beene proued, we may receiue the
crowne of life, which thou hast
promised to them that loue thee.

But deliuer vs from euil. Amen.

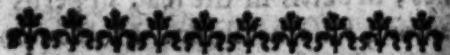
Gen. 47 The dayes of the pilgrimage of
our life are few and euil: during
Pf. 105. which we are vexed with the tri-
bulation of euills, and with sorow,
Iob 14. and are replenished with many
miseries: insomuch that we are
Eccle. 5 wearie of our liues, seeing all
things vnder the sunne to be euill,
and all things vanitie, and affli-
Sap. 16 ction of spirit: where thy crea-
tures do denie to know thee their
Creator: thy seruants do disdain
to acknowledge thee for their
Lord and gouernour: despising
Iude. thy dominion, and blaspheming
thy maiestie. Where the flesh
Gal. 3. conueth contrarie to the spirit,
and the spirit contrarie to the
Mish. 7 flesh: where the sonne doth in-

found in the holie Scripture. 17

inie to his father, and the daughter
nseth against her mother and the
daughter in law against her mo-
ther in law, and a mans enemies
are those of his owne house-hold. *1 Jo. 9. 2*
in so much that the whole world *1 Cor. 15*
is set in wickednes. Where we
are in peril euerie hower: in pe- *2. Cor. 11*
rils of waters, in perils of theeues,
in perils of those of our owne na-
tion, in perils of Gentiles, in perils
in the citie, in perils in the wilder- *1 Pet 5*
nes, in perils in the sea, in perils
among false brethren. Moreouer
our aduersarie the diuel goeth
about as a roaring lion, see- *Psal. 37*
king whome he may deuoure.
Our soule is replenished with
euils, and our life approcheth to *Psal. 71*
hell. Helpe vs, o God our Sa-
uiour, and for the glorie of thy *Psal. 39*
name, o Lord, deliuer vs: because
euils without number do oppres- *Sap. 11*
sion vs. As thy true children (o
God) defend vs, and deliuer vs
from the hands of our aduersaries.

18 *A hidden Treasure.*

Ephes. 6 Strengthen vs, that we may resist
1. Thess. 5. in the euil day, and stand in all
things perfect: hauing on the
breast-plate of faith and charitie,
2. Cor. 1. and for helmet the hope of sal-
uation. We do not trust in our
Philipp. 1. selues, but in thee our God: and
therefore we hope, that thou,
who hast begun in vs a good wor-
1. Cor. 1. ke, wilt perfect it vnto the day of
Christ Iesus: and wilt confirme vs
to the end without crime. Amen.



A Prayer to God the Father.

C H A P. III.

1. Cor. 1. **B**LESSED be thou, ô God
and Father of our Lord Iesus
Christ; father of mercies and God
all comfort; who dost comfort vs
Ephes. 1. in all our tribulation: who hast
blessed vs in all spiritual blessing
in heavenly things, in Christ: as
thou hast chosen vs in him before

found in the holie Scripture. 19

the constitution of the world: that we should be holie and immaculate in thy sight in charitie. Who hast predestinated vs vnto the adoption of sonnes, by Iesus Christ, vnto thy selfe: according to the purpose of thy will, vnto the praise of the glorie of thy grace, wherein thou hast gratified vs in thy beloued sonne: in whome we haue receiued, by his blood, the remission of sinnes, according to the riches of thy grace, which hath superabounded in vs. For thou (ó God) hast so loued 10. 3. the world, that thou hast giuen thy onely begotten sonne, that euerie one that beleueneth in him perish not, but may haue life eulasting. For thou hast not sent thy sonne into the world to iudge the world, but that the world may be saued by him. Verilie thy Tis. 5. glorie and kindnes towards vs (ó God our Saviour) hath appeared; whence thou hast saued vs, not by

20 *A hidden Treasure,*

the workes of iustice which we did, but according to thy mercie, by the lauer of regeneration and renouation of the holie Ghost, whome thou hast powred vpon vs abundantly by Iesus Christ our Sauour: that being iustified by his grace, we may be heires, according to hope of life euerlasting. ô how much are we bound to thee, ô Lord our God, who hast not spared thy owne sonne, but for vs all hast deliuered him,

Rom. 8.

Ephes 3

2. Cor 5.

Jo. 4

Ios 2.

Psal. 82

Isa. 45.

For this cause we bow our knees to thee the Father of our Lord Iesus Christ, of whome all paternitie in the heauens, and in earth is named: who hast reconciled vs vnto thy selfe in Christ. We adore thee, ô Father in spirit and truth: because thou art God in heauen above, and in earth beneath: thou art the sole Souueraine in all the earth. Thou art the Lord, and there is none els besides thee there is no God. Verily thou art

found in the holie Scripture. 21

God hidden, the God of Israel our
Saviour : our maker : the great *2. Ma.
chab. 12*
Prince of the world, the domina- *6. 14.*
tour of our life and spirit : the Lord *Zach 1.*
of hosts : one God Father of all, *Ephes.*
which is over all, and by all, and
in all vs : the blessed and onely
Mightie, the King of Kings, and
Lord of Lords : who onely hath
immortalitie, and dost inhabit
light not accessible ; whome no
man hath seene, yea neither can
see : to thee be honour and empire
auerlasting. Amen.



A Prayer to God to Sonne.

CHAPT. IV.

GOD, who in times past, hath *Heb 1.*
diuerslie and many wayes
spoken to the fathers in the pro-
phets ; hath last of all in these
dayes spoken to vs in thee (ô Lord

22. *A hidden Treasure,*

Iesu) his sonne: whome he hath appointed heire of all things, by whome also he hath made the worlds. We adore thee, ô Iesu Christ, the sonne of God, King both of the Iewes and Gentiles: Prince of the Kings of the earth. We will vtter the memorie of the abundance of thy sweetnes, and immolate to thee the sacrifice of praise, for the multitude of good things, which thou hast given vs according to thine indulgence, and according to the multitude of thy mercies. Who when thou were in the forme of God, hast thought it no robberie to be equal to God (being the brightnes of his glorie, and the figure of his substance, and sustaining all things by the worde of thy power) and yet neuerthelesse thou hast exanimit thy selfe, taking the forme of a seruant, made into the similitude of men, and in shape found a man. Thou hast humbled thy

Io. 1.

Ier. 10.

Apoc. 1.

Psal. 44.

Psal. 49.

Isa. 63.

Philip. 2.

Heb. 1. 1.

found in the holie Scripture. 23

selfe, made obedient vnto death,
euen the death of the crosse: who *Galat. 1*
hast giuen thy selfe for our sinnes,
that thou mightest deliuer vs
(wicked seed) from this present
wicked world, according to the
will of our God and Father. For *Isa. 9.*
thou hast beene borne a little child
to vs, and hast beene giuen a sonne
to vs: for thou art he, that wasto *Gen. 49*
be sent, the expectation of the
Gentiles: Thou art the roote of *Isa. 1.*
Iesse, that standest for a signe of
peoples: thee the nations doe be-
seach. Thou art the key of the *Isa. 22.*
house of David, who dost open,
and there is none that can shut:
who dost shut, and there is none,
that can open. All things are deli- *Matt. 11*
uered vnto thee from thy Father,
and no man knoweth the sonne
but the Father; neither doth any
know the Father, but the sonne,
and he to whome it shall please the
sonne to reueale him. O Iesu (ac- *Matt. 13*
cording to thy name) saue thy

24. *A hidden Treasure,*

- Luc. 9.* people from their sinnes: for thy
comming was not to destroy
soules, but to save them. Thou
Io. 1. art the Word, which was in the be-
ginning with God, by whome all
things were made, and without
whome was made nothing, of that
which is made: that is, thou art
the word that was made flesh,
Apoc. 21 and dwelt in vs. Let thy taber-
nacle ô God, be with men, and
dwell with them, and let them be
thy people, and be thou, ô God,
Exon 8. with them their God. Thou who
dost affirme, that thy delights
are to be with the children of
men: come to vs, and make thy
Io. 14. abode with vs. O true light, who
Io. 1. dost enlighten euerie man, that
cometh into this world: that
Isa. 9. great light which is risen to them,
that dwell in the countrie of the
shadow of death: our God, illu-
Psal. 17. minate out darknes; that in thy
Psal. 35. light we may see light: because
Exo. 7. thou art the brightness of eternal
light.

found in the holie Scripture as

light, and the vnspotted glasse of
God's maiestie, and the image of
his goodnes. Stay with vs (O
Lord) because it is towards night,
and the day is now farre spent.
Thou art the resurrection and the
life: Haue mercie vpon vs, and
raise vs vp: to the end, that ha-
uing done good things, we may
attaine to the resurrection of life.
Thou art our King, we (willingly)
will be subiect to thy dominion.
Rule ouer vs (thou with the Father
and the holie Ghost) because thou
hast deliuered vs from the hand of
Madian: that is to say, from the
power of Satan. Thou art magni-
fied (O Lord Iesus Christ) above
all the Kings of the earth, in riches
and wisdom: and all the earth
desireth to see thy face. Blessed
are they that haue seene thee,
and haue bene honored in thy
friendship: yea blessed are they
likewise, that haue not seene,
and yet haue beleued. Thou art

Luc. 24.

Jo. 11.

Psal. 40

Jo. 5.

Gen. 37

Iug. 8.

AB 26.

3. Reg.

Jo. 1

Exod.

43.

Jo. 20.

Apoc.

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the faithfull witnes, the first-borne
of the dead; and the Prince of
the Kings of the earth: who hast
loued vs, and washed vs from our
sinnes in thy blood, and hast made
vs a kingdome and priests to God
and thy Father: to thee be glorie
and empire for euer and euer.
Amen.



A Prayer to God the holie Ghost.

CHAP. V.

Mach.

14.

Esther

15.

Psalms

144.

Sap. 1.

10.

I INVOCA TE thee (most holie
Spirit) the ruler of my life and
spirit. I inuocate thee, o God, the
gouernour, and Sauour of all: be-
cause thou art neere to all those
that inuocate thee; to all those
that inuocate thee in truth. But
thou fliest him that feyneth, (be-
cause thou art the holie Ghost of
discipline) and withdrawest thy

found in the holie Scripture. 27

selfe from the cogitations, that are
without vnderstanding. O holie *Lus. 31.*
Ghost, who art the finger of God;
the penne of a scribe, that writeth *Psal. 44*
swiftly. Thine eyes do see mine im-
perfection, and yet I beseech thee *Psalms*
notwithstanding to write me in *142.*
thy booke: for woe be to me, if *Apo.*
I be not found written in the *20.*
booke of life. Iudge me, O God,
and discern my cause from the *Psal. 82*
nation not holie: teach me to doe *Psalms*
thy will, because thou art my God. *142.*
Burne likewise (O holie Ghost, sen-
ding downe thy fire from on high)
my reynes, and heart: because *Sap. 2.*
thou wilt not enter into a mali-
cious soule, nor dwell in a bodie
subiect to sinnes. Come, O Spirit *1a. 26.*
of truth, and teach me all truth:
helpe mine infirmities: for what *Rom. 8.*
I should pray as I ought, I know
not: but do thou thy selfe (O holie
Ghost) request for vs with vn-
speakeable groaning: and he that
searcheth the hearts, knoweth

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what thou desirest, because ac-
cording to God thou requestest
Iob 33. for the Saints. O Spirit of God,
who hast made me: ô breath of
the Omnipotent, who hast given
Job 33. me life; who breathest where
thou wilt: breathe into my face
the breath of life, that I may be-
come a living soule. Look e vpon
Gen. 2. me, and haue mercie on me, ac-
cording to the iudgement of them
that loue thy name. Let thy visi-
I. Io. 9. tation keepe my spirit: let thine
unction teach me all things. Bless-
Nat. 3. ed is the man, whom thou shalt
instruct, ô Lord, and shalt teach
out of thy law. Come, ô Para-
Io. 14. site, and be in me, and abide with
me for euer. When my spirit shall
be exhausted, and my dayes
Nat. 77 shortned, and the graue only re-
maineth for me (for we are flesh,
a wind that passeth, and returneth
not) When according to thy will
Tob. 3. doe with me, and command that
my spirit may be receiued in

found in the holie Scripture. 19

peace: when the dust shall returne *Eccle. 12*
into its earth, from whence it
was, and the spirit returne to God, *2 Cor. 5*
who gaue it: grant (O holie Spirit)
that my spirit may be conducted *Psal. 141*
into the right land, the land that *Deus. 6*
floweth with milke and honie:
that is to say, into the land of the *Psal. 133*
living: where (all his enemies
being vanquished) he may repose *Apos. 14*
from his labours. Amen.



Another to the most holy Trinitie.

CHAP. VI.

O The onely one, living, and *Rom. 8*
true God (the Father, the *1. Thess.*
sonne, and the holie Ghost) the
Blessed, and onely Mightie, the *1. Tim.*
King of Kings, and Lord of Lords:
who onely hast immortalitie and
inhabitest light not accessible:
whome no man hath seene, yet

C. iij.

30 *A hidden Treasure.*

- Iob 36.* neither can see : thou art the
great God , surmounting our
Psal. 46 knowledge : the Lord high
and terrible, the great King over
Psal. 75. all the earth : who takest away
the spirit of Princes. Holie, Holie,
Isa. 6. Holie, the Lord God of hostes :
all the earth is full of thy glorie.
Deut. Thou art onely , and there is no
12. other God besides thee , ô God
the Father , of whome all things
1. Cor. 8 and we vnto thee : besides thee ,
ô Lord Iesus Christ , by whom
Mat. 28 all things, and we by thee : besides
thee , ô holie Ghost , in whome
Mat. 28 we are baptized into one bodie :
in the name of the Father , and of
the sonne , and of thy holy Ghost.
1. Jo. 5. You are those then which giue tes-
timonie in heauen, the Father,
the Word , and the holie Ghost,
Pf. 102. and you three be one. O God
(the Father) in the beginning
thou hast founded the earth
and the heauens are the worke
Psal. 31. of thy hands : neuertheless by

found in the holie Script. 31

thy Word likewise the heauens
haue bene established, and by
the Spirit of thy mouth all the
power of them. God, our God *Psat. 66*
blesse vs, God blesse vs, and let
all the ends of the earth feare
thee.

O God of our fathers, I com: *Dan. 3*
fesse thee, and praise thee: because *Dan. 3*
thou art the Lord, the onely God,
and glorious over the round world:
Let all thy Angells adore thee: *Psal. 96*
let the holie and humble of heart
blesse thee: and let all peoples, *Dan. 3*
tribes, and tongues serue thee: 7.

We giue thee thanks, O God, *Colos. 1.*
the Father, who hast made vs
worthy to participate of the inhe-
ritance of the Saints in the light:
who hast deliuered vs from the
power of darknes, and hast trans-
lated vs into the kingdome of the
sonne of thy loue, in whome we
haue redemption by his blood, the
remission of sinnes. Thou likewise *Apo. 5*
O Lambe of God, who hast bene

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slaine (who in the blood of thy
Testament hast let forth thy pri-
soners out of the lake, wherein is
no water) are worthy to receive
power, and diuinitie, and wise-
dome, and strength, and honour,
and glorie, and benediction. Let

Psalm.

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all flesh in like sort blesse thy
holie name for euer, O holy
Ghost, (most mightie God of
the spirits of all flesh) and let
euerie spirit praise thee our Lord.
The grace of our Lord Iesus
Christ, and the charitie of God,
and the communication of the
holie Ghost, be with vs all.

Amen.

the Father, who hast made
worthy to participate of the inhe-
ritance of the saints in the light
whom thou hast delivered us from the
power of darkness, and hast trans-
lated us into the kingdom of the
sonne of thy loue, in whom we
have redemption by his blood, the
restitution of inner. Thou like wis-
dom of God, who hast bene

found in the helie Script. II

*A Prayer to Iesus Christ, suffering
on the crosse.*

CHAP. VII.

IE's vs of Nazareth, King of the Iewes. Thou art the spirit of
our mouth, O Christ our Lord, who
hast beene taken in our sinnes;
to whome we have said; we
will live among the Gentiles vnder
thy shadow. Thou hast giuen thy
cheeke to him that striked thee;
thou hast beene filled with repro-
ches. Many dogges have enui-
ronned thee: the counsel of the
malignant hath besieged thee;
They haue pierced thy hands and
thy feete; thy haue numbered all
thy bones: they themselues haue
considered and beheld thee: they
haue diuided thy garments among
them, and ypon thy vesture they

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Dan. 10 haue cast lot. There remained no strength in thee, and thy beauty was changed, and thou becamest withered, hauing no force. Moreover (before in the garden of Gethsemani) thou layest astonished vpon thy face, and thy visage cleaued to the ground. After

Isa. 65. **alma. 3** this thou didst spred forth thine handes all the day to an incredulous people, which walked in a way not good, after their

Ier. 11. owne cogitations: thou hast beene as a milde lambe, that is carried to be sacrificed. By contumelie and torment they haue examined thee: they haue condemned thee

Isa. 19. to a most shamefull death: they haue led thee forth bearing thine owne crosse, and haue crucified thee: they haue denied thee the holy and iust one, and asked a man killer to be giuen vnto them, and haue killed thee the author of life. Lastly one of the fouls

Mat. 3. **Isa. 19.** dicke with a speare opened thy

found in the holie Script. 35

side, and forthwith there came
forth blood and water.

Verily thou hast borne our in-
firmities, and thou thy selfe hast
carried our sorowes. Thou hast
beene wounded for our iniquities,
thou hast beene broken for our
sinnes: the discipline of our peace
hath beene vpon thee, and we are
healed by thy wounds. All we
hane strayed as sheepe, euerie one
hath declined into his owne way,
and our Lord hath put vpon thee
the iniquitie of vs all. Thou were
offered, because thou thy selfe
wouldest, and thou hast not ope-
ned thy mouth. Thou hast beene
led as a sheepe to the slaughter,
and as a lambe before the shear-
er, thou hast beene dumbe, and
hast not opened thy mouth. Thou,
ô Lord Iesus Christ, hast redee-
med vs from the curse of the Law,
being made a curse for vs: be-
cause is it written: Cursed is euerie
one, that hangeth on a tree. The

Isa. 53.

Gal. 3.

Isa. 53.

Isa. 53.

Gal. 3.

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Gal. 5. scandale then of the crosse is by
Sap. 14. thee abolished: for blessed is the
Sap. 16. wood, by the which iustice is
 made: likewise it is a signe of
 saluation for the remembrance of
 the commandement of thy law:
 for he that turneth to it, is not
 healed by that which he seeth,
 but by thee the Saviour of all.

Heb. 4. Having thee therefore the great
 high Priest, who hast entered the
 heavens, (O Iesu, the sonne of
 God) we hold confession; going
 with confidence to the throne of
 thy grace: so the end we may ob-
 taine mercie and finde grace, to
 be aided in time contentment. For
 lo we are banished and fugitive
 persons, who cannot enter into
 our cite by any meanes, before
 thy death, O Soueraine Priest.

Nim 31
 O Lord Iesu Christ, that hast re-
 med vs from the curse of the law,
 being made a curse for vs: be-
 cause thou hast written: Cursed is he
 that hangeth on a tree. The



A thanks-giving to Iesus Christ
for his Passion.

CHAP. VIII.

I WILL exalt thee (ô Lord *psalm.*
Iesus Christ) my God, and *144.*
my King: and I will blesse thy
name for euer, and for euer and
euer. Thy mercies, ô Lord, I will *psalm. 118.*
sing for euer. Because when thou *philip. 2.*
were in the forme of God, thou
hast thought it no robberie, thy
selfe to be equal to God: but hast
exinanited thy selfe, taking the
forme of a seruant, made into the
similitude of men, and in shape
found as man. Thou hast humbled
thy selfe, made obedient vnto
death, euen the death of the crosse:
thereby wiping out the handwri- *Colos. 2.*
ting of decree, that was against
vs, and contrarie to vs: the which

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thou hast abolished, fastening it to the crosse: and spoiling the Principalities and Potestates, hast led them confidently in open shew, triumphing over them in thy selfe.

Ier. 13. Thou hast ginen thy beloued soule into the hand of thine enemies: thine inheritance hath become vnto thee, as a lion in the wood: it hath roard against thee.

Iob 16. He that speakech falslie hast risen vp against thy face, contradicting thee. He hath gathered his furie vpon thee, and threatning thee, hath gnashed against thee with his teeth: thine enemy hath beheld thee with terrible eies. They haue opened their mouthes vpon thee, and reproching thee, haue strooken thy cheeke, and haue glutted themselues with thy paines. God hath shut thee vp with the wicked man, and hath delivered thee into the hands of the impious, and hath set thee to himselfe, as it were a marke. Thy face hath bene swol-

found in the holie Script. 039

his with weeping, and thine eies
liddes became dimme. These
things thou hast suffered without
the iniquitie of thy hand, when
thou madest pure prayers to God.
We forget not thy kindnes, who
hast bene succorie for vs, and hast
giuen thy life for vs. Thou hast
loued vs with a perpetual cha-
ritie, and therefore hast drawen
vs, taking compassion. Be mind-
full of thy word to thy seruants,
wherein thou hast giuen vs hope.
For thou hast saied: I, if I be
exalted from the earth, will draw
all things to my selfe. O God,
thou art exalted about the hea-
uens, and thy glorie is ouer all
the earth. Be it done to vs ac-
cording to thy word, that thy
beloued may be deliuered. Draw
vs; we wil runne after thee in
the odour of thine ointments.
Draw vs in the cordes of Adam,
in the bands of charitie. Then
shall our mouth be replenished

Ecc. 19

1er. 9

Psalm.

118.

Jo. 12.

Psalm.

107.

Luc. 1.

Ps. 107.

Cant. 1.

Ose. 11.

Ps. 114.

40 . *A hidden Treasure,*

with ioy, and our tongue with exultation. Then I wil haue confidence, and will not feare: I will chant, and will sing in my glorie: *Iſa. 12.* I will exalt thee, o Lord, because thou haſt receiued me, and haſt not made mine enemy to reioyce ouer me. My beloued is to me as a bundle of myrrhe: he ſhall abide betweene my breasts. *Ps 107.* For God forbid, that I euer glorie ſauing in thy croſſe, o Lord Ieſus Chriſt: *Ps 139.* where thou takeſt thy reſt, where thou reſeſt at midday. *Cant. 1.* Thou art worthy (o Lambe of God) to receiue power and diuinitie, and wiſedome and ſtrength, and honour, and glorie, and benediction: because thou haſt bene ſlaine, and haſt redeemed vs to God in thy blood, out of euery tribe, and tongue, and people, and nation: and haſt made vs to our God a kingdome, and Priests, and we ſhall raigne vpon the earth. *Apoc. 5.* Lord, thy name is for euer

found in the holie Script. 41

Lord, thy memorial is from generation to generation and more

thy memorial shall be, and shall be

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Heb. 7.

Gen. 14.

Zach. 9.

Gen. 41.

Is. 6.

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142 *A bidden Treasure,*

living bread, that came downe
from heauen: if any man eate of
this bread, he shall live for euer:
and the bread which thou dost
giue, is thy flesh, for the life of
the world, and which giueth life
to the world. For thy flesh is
meate indeed: and thy blood is
drinke indeed: he that eateth thy
flesh, and drinketh thy blood,
abideth in thee, and thou in him.
Deut. 8. Thou hast fed vs With Manna,
which we knew not, nor our fa-
thers: thereby to shew vnto vs,
that a man liueth not by bread
only: but by euerie word, that
proceedeth from the mouth of
God. Thou art the Word diuine,
who hast bene made flesh, and
Sap. 18. dwelt in vs: the omnipotent Word,
saying out of heauen, from the
royall seates. Behold thy taber-
nacles, O God, with men, and thou
wilt dwell with them: and they
shall be thy people: and thou
God with them, wilt be their God.

found in the holie Script. 43

Neither is there other nation so *Deut. 10*
great, that hath gods approaching
vnto them, as thou (O our God)
art present at all our petitions.

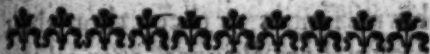
Thou hast made a memorie of *Pf. 110.*
thy merucilous workes; O mer-
cifull and pitiful Lord, thou
hast giuen (thy selfe) meate to
them that feare thee. Thou hast
nourished thy people with the
meate of Angels; and hast giuen
them this bread of heauen, pre-
pared without labour, hauing in
it all delectation, and the sweet-
nes of all taste: for thy substance
doth show the sweetnes, which
thou shalt towards thy children.
This is the bread, which thou
O Lord, hast giuen vs to eate. *Exod. 16*
Let the poore eate and be filled; and
let them praise thee, O Lord,
that seeke after thee: let their
hearts live for euer and euer. Let
all the ends of the earth remem-
ber, and be conuerted to thee;
O Lord, and let all the families

44 *A hidden Treasure*

- Malac.** of the Gentiles adore in thy sight.
1. For from the sunne rising euen to
the sunne setting, thy name is
great among the Gentiles, and in
euerie place there is sacrificing,
and there is offered to thy name a
cleane oblation. Arise (my soule)
and eate, for thou hast yet a great
way to goe. Lord, I am not wor-
thy, that thou shouldst enter
vnder my roose; but onely say the
word, and my soule shall be trea-
Luc 19. led. Blessed be thou, o King,
who comest in the name of our
Lord; peace in heauen, and glorie
Luc 24. on high. We know (and ac-
knowledge) thee in the breaking
of bread; for our heart burneth
within vs, whiles thou speakest
in the way, and openest vnto
vs the scriptures. Lord, giue vs
3 Reg. alwayes this bread, to the end that
19. we may walke in the strength of
this meate, vnto the mount of God,
Psal 41 Horeb; that is to say: into the
place of a maruailous tabernacle,

found in the holie Script. 43

even to the house of God.



PRAYERS TO THE
SAINCTS.

*A Prayer to the most B. Virgin
Marie, Mother of God.*

CHAPT. XI.

HAILE, Marie, full of grace, *Luc. 1.*
Our Lord is with thee, blef-
sed art thou among woemen, and
blessed is the fruite of thy wombe:
blessed art thou, who hast belce-
ned: because those things shall be
accomplished, which were spoken
to thee by our Lord. For behold,
from henceforth, all generations
shall cal thee blessed: because he
that is mighty, hath done great
things for thee, and his name is
holy. Heare daughter, and see, *Ps. 144.*
and incline thine eare: and forget

46 *A hidden Treasure,*

thy people; and the house of thy father; For thy Fathers there are borne sonnes to thee: thou shalt make them Princes over all the earth: thy will be mind-full of thy name (Ladie) in all generation and generation: and for this cause peoples will confesse to thee for euer, and for euer and euer. Many daughters haue gathered together riches: thou hast surpassed them all. Thou art become as a marchants shippe, bringing thy bread for farre: open thy hand to the needie, and stretch forth thy palmes to the poore.

Lamēt.

2.

Wherto shal I compare thee? or wherto shall I liken thee; O daughter of Ierusalem? Wherto shall I make thee equal, O Virgin daughter of Sion? Thou art like to Aaron's rodde, which did blossom without roote: to Gedeons fleece of wolle, which was filled with dew on the drie floore: to the myssical shut-gate of Ezechie

Num.

17.

Ju/g. 6

Ezech.

44.

found in the holie Script. 47

which looked toward the east,
which was not to be opened, and
man hath not passed through it.
Finally thou art the rod, that hath
sprung from the roote of Iesse:
the Virgin, that hath conceived,
and borne a sonne. When ther-
fore our Lord God vouchsafed to
be seene vpon earth, and to be
conuersant with men, being made
man, he made his first abode (O
Virgin) in thy wombe. There
like Elizeus he contracted him-
selfe into the measure of the
childe, that was to be raised: there
like Iacob, he covered his hands
and the bare of his neck with the
little skinnies of kids; that in
the similitude of the flesh of sinne,
even of sinne he might damne
sinne in his flesh. Verily (O mo-
ther of our Lord) thou art the Pa-
radise of God, because thou hast
brought forth to the world the
tree of life, of which he that ea-
teth, shall live for ever.

1. 1. 1.

1. 1. 1.

Isa. 11.

Isa. 7.

Barnab.

3.

Jo. 14.

4. Reg.

4.

Gen. 27.

Rom. 8.

Gen. 2.

10. 6.

48 *A hidden Treasure,*

Cant. 7 O how beautifull art thou;
Cant. 6 and how comely in delightes! The
 daughters of Sion haue seene thee,
 and reported thee to be most
 happie: the queenes in like sort
 haue praised thee: who comest
 forth as the morning rising, faire
 as the moone, elect as the sunne,
 terrible as the armie of a campe
 set in aray: who hast mounted vp
 from the desert (of this world)
 flowing with delightes, leaning
 vpon thy beloued. Our Lord hath
 rendered thee a recompence, recei-
 uing thee to himselfe: because thou
 art that swift cloude, vpon which
 he mounted, and entred into
 Egypt. Thou art the mother of
 beautifull loue, and of feare, and
 of knowledge, and of holie hope.
 In thee is all grace of way and
 truth, in thee is all hope of life
 and vertue. Helpe, that all those
 that desire thee, may passe to thee,
 and be filled of thy generations:
 for thy spirit is more sweet than
 hony.

found in the holie script. 29

home; and thine inheritance
above hony, and the honie combe;
thy remembrance is vnto gene-
rations of workies. Thou art the *Indish*
glorie of Ierusalem; thou art the *15.*
joy of Israel; thou art the ho-
nour of Iour people: because thou
hast done manfully, and thy heart
was strengthened; for that thou
hast loued chastitie (and hast not
known man: for which cause *Luc. 12*
likewise the hand of our Lord
hast strengthened thee; and there-
fore thou shalt be blessed for ever:
see our humiliation: and deliuer vs *Psal. 14*
from our necessities. And who *Esther*
knoweth, whether for this cause *4.*
thou art come to the kingdom:
that in such a time thou mightest
be ready? Helpe the poore out *Psal. 106*
of psonie; as heretofore thou
hast helpe the guesies wanting *10. 2.*
wine at the marriage; to the end *Psal. 118*
that we being made to drinke (in
this life) of the wine of compa-
nion: may drinke no more from

80 *A hidden Treasure*

Matth. hence forth (in the life to come)
 16. of this fruit of the wine: but may
 be inebriated with that new wine,
 which our Lord Iesus Christ will
 drinke with vs in his fathers king-
 17. dom: and as thou didst stand neere
 18. to his crosse, during his passion:
 19. so be neere to vs now, and at the
 power of death. Amen.



Te the holy Angels.

Chorus.

Dan. 3. **B**LESSED be God, who
 doth send his Angels, and de-
 liver his seruants that beleue in
 him. Blesse our Lord: all ye his
 Angels: who are mightie in power,
 who accomplish his commande-
 ment, and heare the voice of his
 wordes: blesse our Lord, all ye his
 hoastes, you his ministers, that
 doe his will. Blesse our Lord, ye

found in the holie Script.

Angels of our Lord: praise him, *2. 141*
and superexalt him for ever: who *Zach. 1.*
sendeth you to walke through
the earth: and hath given *Psalm 90*
you charge, that you keepe vs
in all our wayes: and that you
beare vs in your handes, least per-
haps we hurt our foote against a
stone. You simulate our soules *1 Cor.*
with the vauition of God, and
we carefull to preserve them to
their bridegroom, and to pre-
sent a chaste virgin vnto Christ.
You are the morning starres, who *1st 38.*
praise God together: and the
sonnes of God, that make habi-
tation; who reioyce ouer one
sinner, that doeth penance. You *Lnc. 15.*
are the multitude of the heavenly
hostes, praising God, and saying:
Glorie in the highest to God,
and in earth peace to men of good
will. You are the watch-men, *Isa. 62.*
appointed vpon the walls of the
Iew Ierusalem: you are the moun- *Psalm.*
taines round about the same. You *124.*

A hidden Treasure.

Luc. 2. are the shepherds watching, and
Apoc. keeping the night watches over
20. 12. 9 the flocke of Christ: least per
1. Pet. 5. adventure that great Dragon the
Psal. 7. old serpent, our adversarie the
 devil, devour our soules: (whiles
 there is none to redeeme, nor to
 save them) he going about as a
 roaring lion with this intention. *Col. 3. 13*
Mat. 23 You are the reapers, who at the
 end of the world shall gather up
 the cockle, and bind it into bun
 dles to burne: but shall gather the
 wheate into our Lord's barn. You
 are the fisher-men, who drawing
 forth the nette, cast into the sea,
 and gathering together of all kinde
 of fishes (being sit downe by the
 shore) shall choose out the good
 into vessels, but the bad you shall
 cast away: that is to say, you
 shall come at the end of the
 world, and shall separate the evil
 from among the iust, and shall
 cast them into the foune of
 fire: there shall be weeping and

found in the holie Scriptures. 43

gnashing of teeth: In the meane
space you are ministering spirits sent *Heb. 1.*
to minister for them, which shall
receiue the inheritance of salua-
tion.

O you that do alwayes see the *Mat. 18*
face of God our Father, which is *Matth.*
in heauen: and are imitators of *10.*
the only begotten sonne of the
Father: who came not to be mi-
nistered vnto, but to minister: ob-
taine for vs this fauour from God, *1. Cor. 1*
that we may be endued with force *Eph. 24*
from aboue, and be replenished *1. Cor. 1*
with the holy Ghost, to the end *2. Pet. 1*
that flying the corruption of that
concupiscence, which is in the
world: we may at length arrive to
the mount Sion, and the citie of *Heb. 12*
the liuing God, the heavenly Je-
rusalem, and the assemblie of
many thousand Angels: and to the
Church of the first-borne, which
are written in the heauens: and to
God, who is Iudge of all: and to
the spirits of the perfect iustes, *Heb. 3*

54 *A hidden Treasure,*

and to Iesus the mediator of the
new Testament: to whome be
glorie world without end. Amen.



To S. Iohn the Baptist.

CHAP. XII

LUC. I. **O** FORERUNNER of Iesus
Jo. 3. Christ, the crier of the
LUC. I. Iudge, the friend of the bride-
groome, the voice of the deserte
Woꝛde: who hast beene called
the Prophet of the Highest: for
thou hast gone before the face of
our Lord, to prepare his wayes
and to giue knowledge of salua-
tion to his people, for the remis-
Jo. 1. sion of their sinnes: as a man
sent from God, to giue testimonie
Jo. 5. of the light. Thou were not the
light (albeit thou were a bur-
ning and shining lampe) but to
giue testimonie of the light: to
Jo. 1. wit, that he vpon whome thou

found in the holie Script. 35

shouldest see the Spirit descending and remaining vpon him: he it is, that baptiseth in the holy Ghost, this is the sonne of God.

There hath not risen among the borne of woemen a greater then thee, who art the Angel (or messenger) sent before the face of our Lord, baptizing and preaching the baptisme of penance. Thou hast bene great before our Lord, and hast drunke neither wine nor beere, and hast bene replenished with the holy Ghost euen from thy mothers wombe, and hast conuerted many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God: and whatt gone before him in the spirit and veritie of Elias, that thou mightest conuert the hearts of the fathers vnto the children, and the indolous to the wisdom of the iust, that thou might prepare to our Lord a perfect people. According to thy name (which si- *Mat. 11. Marc. 1. Luc. 1. Psal. 47.*

found in the Bible Script. 37

his lambs and his sheep: be-
 cause he is the shepherd of the
 flock of the living, and will
 follow them.

Psalm 138 bowed
 down: being a witness of the
 truth.

Gen. 49 *XXII* *XXIII*
 that shall be the
 glory which shall be
 the glory of the
 church.

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58 *A hidden treasure*

- his lambes and his sheepe : be-
cause thou hast loued him more
then any of the Apostles, and hast
followed him both in life and
2. Pet 5. death : being a witnes of the suf-
ferings of Christ, and partaker of
that glorie which shall be reuea-
led. For thou hast not made the
4. Pet. 1. power and presence of our Lord
Jesus Christ known vnto vs, fol-
lowing vnlearned fables : but as
one that saw his greatnes with
10. 1. thine owne eyes. Thou by oul-
t. Pet. 1. Sauiour were called to Cephias,
which is interpreted Peter : for
1. Pet 2. that thou hast beene a liuing
stone, founded vpon the princi-
pal corner stone, elected and pro-
tious. Obtaine for vs by thy holy
Ps. 147. Prayers, that approaching to him
who is the liuing stone, elected
1. Pet. 2. and honourable towards God : we
likewise, as liuing stones, may be
superedified into a spiritual house.
1. Pet. 32. S. Peter, be vnto vs as the sha-
dow of a rock, that standeth out

found in the holie Script. 29

in a desert ground: to the end
thy shadow ouershadowing vs
(who dwell heere in darknes,
and in the countrie of the shadow
of death) we may all be freed
from our infirmities: and this vn-
till the day breake, and the sha-
dowes decline; and we be admit-
ted to sit vnder his shadow whome
we desire; to wit, our Lord Iesus
Christ, who is head of the Church.

Isa. 9.

Act. 5.

Cant. 2

Ephes. 5

For Iesus Christ, who is head of the Church.

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60 *A hidden Treasure,*

learned tongue, that thou mightst
know to stay him vpon that is
written, with a word. Our Lord
opened thine eare; and thou didst
not gain-say thou didst not go
backward: but didst serue our
Lord with all humilitie, and teares,
and temptations, testifying both
to Iewes and Gentiles penance
towards God, and faith in our
Lord Iesus Christ. Thou didst
feare nothing, neither didst thou
make thy life more precious than
thy selfe, so that thou mightst
consummate thy course and mi-
nisterie, which thou didst receive
of our Lord Iesus, to testifie the
Gospel of the grace of God. Thou
hast not touched any mans silver
and gold, or garment: sithen
thy hands did minister such things
as were needful for thy selfe, and
them that were with thee. Thou
hast hurt no man; thou hast cor-
rupted no man; thou hast
summented no man. O thou

found in the holie Scripture. 61

not takin any man's money, nor *Ecc. 46*
so much as a shode; neither did
euer any man excuse thee. Thou *Act. 21.*
were readie, not only to be bound,
but to die likewise for the name
of our Lord Iesus. For vnto this *Act. 26.*
end did he appeare vnto thee, that
he might ordaine thee a minister
and witness of these things, which
thou hadst seene, delivering thee
from the peoples and nations,
vnto which he sent thee: to open
their eyes, that they might be con-
verted from darkenes to light, and
from the power of Satan to God,
that they might receiue remission
of their sinnes, and part among
those, that are sanctified by the
falth; that is in him. Thou hast *Psal. 139.*
preached and spoken vnto them,
and (they were multiplied aboue
number. The grace of God hath *1. Cor. 15.*
not bene void in thee, but thou
hast laboured more abundantly
then all they yet not thou, but the
grace of God with thee: for thy glo-

62 *Abt. d. d. Tresf. u. d. d. d.*

Car. I. He was this to win, the testimonie
of thy conscience, that in simplicitie
of heart, and sinceritie of God,
and not in carnal wisdome, but

1 Tim. 1 in the grace of God, thou shalt
conquer in this world. O S. Paul

the Apostle of Jesus Christ according to the commandment of

2. *Tim.* God your Saviour, and of Jesus

Christ our hope, who didst
 stain all things for the elect, that
 they also might obtaine the salu-

Rom 9. tion which is in Christ Jesus, with
heavenly glory: who didst wish

Philp. 3 thy self separated from Christ
for thy brethren pray to God for

view to the ends, that forgetting
the things that are behind, but

Stretching forth our selves to those
that are before, we may shoot
towards the mark; (that is) be

2. ^{18.} the price of the supernal vocation
of God in Christ Jesus: to the de

lightest of paradise, into which
thou wert crapt, living in this vale
of afflictions: and now after the

found in the holie Script.

death, art reconciled in glorie.

and you took away the shadow

of your nation, and delivered

us from all iniquitie.

To the holie Apostles.

CHANT. V. N.

O Holy Apostles, chosen Rom. 1.
to preach the Gospel of
Christ: beloved of God and men, Eph. 4.
whose memorie is in benediction.
Iesus Christ hath made you
friends in your faith and meek-
ness, and hath chosen you of
all flesh. He hath chosen you by
the holy Ghost, and by this holy
Ghost hath baptized you, and sent
you into the whole world to
preach the Gospel. Your sound
hath gone forth into all the earth,
and your words unto the ends
of the sound world. In stead of
your fathers you have bene
made sonnes of our Lord, hath
made you Princes over all the
earth. You were directed by God Eccl. 49.

64 *A bidden Treasure.*

into the repentance of nations,
and you tooke away the abomi-
Ecl. 50 nations of impietie: who had care
of your nation, and deliuered it
from perdition. You haue shined
as the morning starre in the mid-
dest of a cloud, and as the full
moone shineth in her dayes, and
as the sunne shineth, so did you
Matt. 5 shine in the temple of God. You
are the salt of the earth: you are
Matt. 10 the light of the world. Our Lord
Jesus Christ gaue you power ouer
uncleane spirits, to cast them out
and to cure all manner of disease,
and all manner of infirmitie. To
Matt. 1 you likewise after his passion he
shewed himselfe aliue by many
proofes, for foure dayes appea-
ring vnto you, and speaking of
the Kingdome of God, and in your
sight he was eleuated, and went
into heauen. *1 Cor. 15*
1 Cor. 6 You haue exhibited your selves
in all things as the ministers of
God, in much patience, in tribo-

founden the holie Script.

in lions, in necessities, in distresses,
in stripes, in prisons, in cumults, in
travails, in watchings, in fastings,
in chastitie, in knowledge, in long-
animittie, in sweetnes, in the holy
Ghost, in charitie not feined, in
the word of truth, in the vertue of
God, by the armour of iustice, on
the right hand, and on the left; by
honour and dishonour, by infamie
and good fame: as Deducers,
and true: as vnknownen, and
knownen: as dying, and behold
you liue: as chastised, and not
killed: as sorrowfull, but alwayes
reioycing: as needie, but enriching
many: as hauing nothing, and yet
possessing all things. Now you
that are Princes of peoples, are
gathered together with the God
of Abraham: who hath given you
inheritance, because you haue fear-
ed his name: and for that you
haue left all things, and haue fol-
lowed him, he hath given you an
hundred fold, and the possession

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Heb. 13. of life eueralting. We desire and
entreat you, that you will aske
this fauour for vs from our Lord,
to the end, that we beholding the
end of your conuersation, may
imitate your faith. Amen.



To all the Saints.

Apoc. 19. **Y**OU are happie (ô Saints
of God) who are called to
the supper of the mariage of the
lambe: you see God face to face,
Gen. 32. and your soules are made safe.
Apoc. 7. God hath made you pillars in his
temple, and you shall goe out no
more: you haue washed your
Apoc. 7. robes, and made them white
in the blood of the lambe: there-
fore you are before the throne
of God, and shall serue him
day and night in his temple: and
he that sitteth in the throne, shall

found in the bulic Script. 67

I will ouer you. You shall no more
hunger nor thirst, neither shall
the sunne fall vpon you, nor any
heate: because the Lambe, which
is in the midst of the throne,
shall gouerne you, and shall con-
duct you to the fountaines of the
waters of life, and God hath wi-
ped away all teares from your eyes.
You haue vanquished, and kept
his workes to the end: and he hath
given you power ouer the nations,
and you shall rule them with a
rod of yron, and as the vessel of
a potten they shall be broken.
You see now with your eyes, that
you haue laboured a little, and
haue found much rest to your
soules. Our Lord hath brought
you into his holie temple, and will
be a wall of fire round about,
and will be in glorie in the mid-
dest thereof. You haue aboun-
dance of bread in the house of
your father. (I say, by your father)
because we haue sinned against

21. 22

21. 22

Apoc. 2.

21. 22

Ecc. 1.

Isa. 56.

Zach. 2.

21. 22

Luc. 13.

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heauen, and before him; and are
not now worthy to be called his
children,) but we heere perish

Mat. 15 for famine, and albeit it is not
good to take the bread of the
children, and to cast it to dogges,
yet whelpes also eate of the
crummes that fall from the ta-

Ecel. 2 ble of their masters. We, as

2. Cor. 13 fooles, walke in darkes; but you

all, who behold the glorie of

our Lord with face reuealed, are

transformed into the same image

from glorie vnto glorie, as of our

Nob. 4 Lord's Spirit. Now you sabbat

tize, and repose from your wor-

Isa. 31 kes, as God from his: now you

fin in the beautie of peace, and

in the tabernacles of confidence,

and in wealthy rest.

Mat. 24 But many oribulations and many

battails enuironne vs: we entreat

1. Reg. 17 you, that there may be equal por-

tion to those that defend in our

battails, and to those that abide

in the baggages, and that they

found in the halie Script. 69

may diuide alike. The heauenly
King hath placed you among ^{2 Reg.}
those, that eate at his table. Be- ^{19.}
seech him, that he remember vs ^{Ps. 105.}
in the good pleasure of his people,
and that he visit vs in his salua-
tion: to see in the goodnes of his
elect, to reioyce in the ioy of
his people, that he may be prai-
sed with his inheritance. Pray ^{Isa. 35.}
that we, that haue beene redee-
med by our Lord, may returne,
and come into Sion, and that at ^{Isa. 28.}
our returne (our enemies being
ouercome) he will be vnto vs a
crowne of glorie, and a garland
of exultation.

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A Prayer for the morning,

CHAPT. XVII.

Psal. 5. **R**ECEIVE, O Lord, my wordes with thine eares, vnderstand my crie: attend to the voyce of my prayer, my King and my God: Because I will pray to thee: Lord in the morning thou wilt heare my voyce: make me to heare thy mercie in the morning, because I haue hoped in thee. Make the way known to me, in which I ought to walke, because I haue lifted vp my soule to thee. As for me I will sing thy strength, and wil exalt thy mercie in the morning. Because we ought to preuent the sunne to praise thee, and at the rising of light to adore thee. The night is passed, and the day is at hand:

Psal. 52.

Sap. 16.

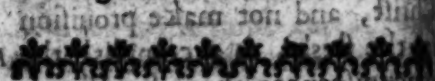
Rom. 13.

found in the helie Scrip. 77

let vs therefore cast of the wor-
kes of darkenes, and put on
the armour of light: as in the
day let vs walke honestly:
not in banquetting and drunken-
nes, not in chamberings and lu-
urie, not in contention and enue:
but let vs put on our Lord Iesus
Christ, and not make prouision
for the flesh, to accomplish the *Psal. 12.*
concupiscences thereof. Illumi-
nate our eyes, that we sleepe not
in death at any time: least some-
time our enemy say: I haue pre- *Ephes. 1.*
uailed against them. Grant that
we may walke as children of the
light: for the fruite of the light
doth consist in all goodnes, and in *1. Th. 5.*
fice, and truth. Let vs not there-
fore sleepe as others, but let vs
watch, and be sober. For they
that sleepe, sleepe in the night, and
they that be drunke, be drunke in
the night: but we that are of the
day, let vs be sober, hauing on
the breast plate of faith and char-
ity.

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it is; and, as a helmet, the hope
of saluation. For thou (O God)
hast not ordained vs vnto wrath,
but vnto the purchasing of salua-
tion by our Lord Iesus Christ, who
died for vs; to the end, that whe-
ther we watch, or sleepe, we may
liue together with him.



An other for the euening.

CHAP. XVIII.

Ps. 7.

Ps. 30.

BEHOOD now I shall sleepe
in the dust: and if (O Lord) thou
seeke me in the morning, per-
chance I shall haue lost my being.
In thee, O Lord, I haue hoped:
let me not be euerlastingly con-
founded: in thy iustice deliuer me.
Be vnto me as a God protection
and as a house of refuge, for
thou mayst saue me: because thou
art my strength and my refuge,
and for thy name thou wilt doe

found in the holie Script. 173

feed me, and wilt nourish me.
Thou wilt bring me out of the
snare, which they have hidden for
me; because thou art my prote-
ctor. Into thy hands I commend
my spirit; thou hast redeemed
me, O Lord God of truth. Permit
me not to sleepe (O Lord I be-
seth thee) as Sisara: who toy-
ning deepe sleepe and death to-
gether; fainted, and died: nor as
Holofernes, who lying in his bed,
slept through ouermuch
drunkennes, had his head cut off:
nor as Nabuchodonosor, affri-
ghted and disturbed with the
dreames, cogitations, and vi-
sions, which he had in his bed.
Let me not sleepe troubled, nei-
ther let feare and trembling sur-
prize me through the horrour of
visions by night, when deepe
sleepe is wont to seaze vpon men.
When I sleepe, let me not feare:
but rather let me rest, and let my
sleepe be sweet: yet let me in

Judg. 4.

*Judith
13.*

Dan. 4.

Psal. 56

Iob 4.

Psalm 5.

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Cant. 5 that manner repose, that my heart
Psal. 4. may watch with the spouse: let
 me sleepe and rest in peace in
 the selfe same: because thou, O
 Lord, hast singularly settled mine
 hope.

Isa. 16. Let my soule desire thee in the
 night: that with my spirit in my
 heart I may watch to thee in the
 mornings to the end, that when it
 is time to rise, I may be able to

Psal. 3. say with the Psalmist: I have
 slept, and have bene at rest, and
 have risen up, because our Lord

Psal. 16. hath sustained me. Keepe me as
 the apple of the eye: protect me
 under the shadow of thy wings.

1. Tim. Grant me, O Lord, that having
 kept the faith which I have re-
 ceived, and having consumma-
 ted my course, I may expect

a crowne of iustice, which thou, O
 Lord, the iust Iudge, wilt render

Dan. 12 to those that love thy command-
 and may be found among them
 that shall then awake unto life
 everlasting.

found in the holie Scriptures. 77



A Prayer to demand Faith.

CHAP. XIX.

O G O D of the heavens,
Creatour of the waters, and
Lord of euerie creature: Father
of lightes, from whome doth
descend euerie good, and perfect
gift. To thee I bow my knees,
O Father of our Lord Iesus Christ
(of whome all paternitie is na-
med in the heavens, and in the
earth) to the end that according
to the riches of thy glorie, thou
goue vs force to be fortified by thy
spirit in the inward man, that
Christ may dwell by faith in our
hearts. For without faith it is im-
possible to please thee, O our God,
thence that he that commeth to
thee, must beleue that thou art,
and that thou art a rewarder to
them that seeke thee: and this is

Iudith

Iam. 1.

Ephes. 1.

Heb. 11.

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- to 17. life euēlasting, that they know thee, the onely true God, and Iesus Christ, whome thou hast sent: for by him remission of sinnes is preached vnto vs: and from all things, from which we could not be iustified by the law of Moyses, in him euērie one that beleueth, is iustified. Wherefore let not the wise man glorie in his wisdom, neither let the strong man glorie in his strength, nor the rich man in his riches: but let him that glorieth, glorie in this (ō Lord) that he vnderstandeth and knoweth thee. Being therefore iustified by faith, let vs haue peace towards thee (ō God) by our Lord Iesus Christ: by whome also we haue access through faith, into this grace wherein we stand, and glorie in the hope of the glorie of the sonnes of God: for the end of the law is Christ, vnto iustice, vnto euēry one, that beleueth.
- Gal. 3. 10. 10

found in the holie Scriptures. 77

there not be in any of vs an euil heart of incredulitie to depart from thee the living God : but let vs exhort our selues euerie day, while so day is named, to the end that none of vs become obdurate by the deceit of Sinne : for we are made partakers of Christ : yet (with this promise) that we keepe the beginning of his substance firme vnto the end.

All the Fathers of the old Testament died in faith, not hauing receiued the promises, but beholding them a farre off: and saluting them, and confessing, that they were pilgrimes and strangers vpon earth: for they that say these things do signifie that they seeke a countrie. And indeed if they had beene mindfull of that, from whence they came, they had gone verily to returne: but they desired a better, to wit, that of heauen. Grant therefore that we likewise (hauing so great a cloud of

Heb. 11.

1. Cor. 13.

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Rom. 10.

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witnesses set before vs; laying
away all weight; and sinne that
doth environne vs) may by pa-
tience runne to the sight pro-
posed vnto vs: looking on the
author of faith, and the finisher
Iesus: who, ioy being proposed
vnto him, sustained the crosse,
contemning confusion, and sitteth
on the right hand of the seate of

1. Pet. 1. God: whome we loue, albeit
we haue not seene: in whome
now also not seeing we beleue:
and beleeuing we hope to reioyce
with ioy vspeakable and glo-
rified, receiuing the end of our
faith, the saluation of our soules.

1. Cor. 16. Grant, O Father, that we may
watch, stand in the faith, doe man-

1. Cor. 12. fully, and be strengthened to the
end that we, who see thee not

2. Cor. 3. by a glasse obscurely, may
length behold thy glorie with face
reuealed, and be transformed in
the same image from glorie to
glorie. Amen.

found in the holie Script. 79

An other for Hope.

C H A P. XX.

BLESSED be thou, O God, and 1. Pet. 1.
the Father of our Lord Iesus
Christ, who according to thy
great mercie hast regenerated vs
vnto a liuely hope, by the
resurrection of Iesus Christ from
the dead: vnto an inheritance in-
corruptible, which can neither be
defiled, nor fade, reserved in the
heauens for vs; for by hope we Rom. 8.
are saved. Be mindfull of thy Ps. 118.
word to thy seruant, wherein
thou hast giuen me hope: this
hath comforted me in my humili-
ation, because thy word hath
sustained me. Receiue me ac-
cording to thy word, and I shall
not be ashamed, and do not frustrate me of
mine expectation. I haue cried Ps. 141.

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to thee, ô Lord, I haue said: Thou
Psal. 72. art my hope, and my portion in
the land of the liuing. For what
haue I in heauen? and besides
thee, what haue I desired vpon
the earth? My flesh hath faint-
ed, and my heart; ô God of my
Iob 13. heart, and God my part for euer.
Yea although thou shalt kill me,
Samet. yet will I trust in thee, and thou
shalt be my Saviour. Our Lord is
3^o my portion, said my soule: there-
fore I will expect him. O Lord
thou art good to them that hope
in thee: to the soule that seeketh
Mich. 7. thee. I will looke towards thee,
ô Lord, I will expect thee my
God, my Saviour & my God thou
wilt heare me.

Reioyce not thou mine ene-
mie, ouer me, because I am fallen.
I shall arise, when I haue sitte in
darkenes, our Lord is my light.
I will beare the wrath of our
Lord, because I haue sinned
against him, vntil he shall iudge

found in the helie Script. 82

my cause, and doe my iugemēt: he
will bring me forth into the light,
I shall see his iustice. And mine
enemie shall behold, and shall
be couered with confusion: which
saith to me: where is the Lord
thy God? Blessed is he, whose *Ps. 145.*
helper is the God of Iacob, his
hope is in our Lord his God; who
made heauen and earth, the sea,
and all things that are in them.
Who keepeth truth for euer,
doeth iudgement for them that
suffer wrong, and giueth foode to
the hungrie.

Behold the nations of men, and
know, that none hath beene con-
founded, that hath hoped in our
Lord. For who hath continued
in his commandements, and hath
beene forsaken? or who hath
called vpon him, and hath beene
contemned by him? Because God
is pittifull and merciful, and will
forgiue sinnes in the day of tribu-
lation, and is the protectour of all

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those that speak him in truth.

3. Machab. 2.

Consider from generation to generation, that all that hope in him, are not weakened.

Roth. 15

We therefore beseech thee, O God of hope, that thou replenish vs with all ioy and peace in believing: that we may abound in hope; and in the vertue of the

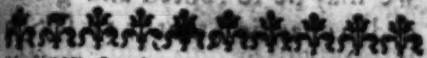
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Psalm 9.

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*An other for charitie towards God
and our neighbour.*

CHAPT. XXI.

O Lord of hostes, God of *Isa 37.*
Israel, who sittest ypon the
Cherubs, thou art the onely God
of all the kingdomes of the earth;
thou hast made heauen and earth.
Verily thou art God alone, and
there is no other besides thee;
and therefore to loue thee with
the whole heart, and with the
whole ynderstanding, and with the
whole soule, and with the whole
strength: and to loue our neigh-
bour as our selues, is a greater
thing then all holocaustes and sa-
crifices. For thou (O Lord God) *Isa 41. 1*
art charitie, and he that abideth
in charitie, abideth in thee, and
thou in him. Grant therefore that *Ephes. 3.*

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we may be so rooted and grounded in charitie (that is to say, in thee) that no creature may be able to separate vs from thee. Because loue is strong as death: ielousie is hard as hell: the lampes thereof are as lampes of fire and flames. Many waters cannot quench charitie, neither can floods overwhelm it: if a man giue all the substance of his house for loue as nothing he will despise it.

1. Cor. 13. Make vs (O Lord Iesus Christ) to abide in thy loue. If we keepe thy precepts, we shall abide in thy loue: as thou also hast kept thy Fathers precepts, and dost abide in his loue. But this is the precept, that we loue one another, as thou hast loued vs. No man hath greater loue then this, that he lay downe his life for his friends. In this (O Lord God) we haue knowen thy charitie, because thou hast laied downe thy life for vs, we ought therefore

like manner to lay downe our
 lives for our brethren. Let vs not
 loue in word, nor in tongue, but
 in deed and truth. For if we
 speake with the tongues of men,
 and Angels and haue not charitie,
 we are as sounding brasse, or as a
 tinkling cymbal: and if we should
 haue the gift of Prophecie, and
 know all mysteries, and know
 all things, and if we should haue all
 faith, so that we could remoue
 mountaines, and haue not chari-
 tie, we are nothing: And if we
 should distribute all our goods to
 the poore: and if we deliuer our
 bodies to be burned, and haue not
 charitie, it doth profit vs nothing.
 Grant therefore that before all
 things we haue among our selues
 continual charitie one towards an
 other: for that charitie doth couer
 a multitude of sinnes. Let no
 man seeke his owne interest, but
 that which is for an other.
 Let vs loue thee then, o our

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God, because thou first hast loved
vs; and giue vs grace, that we may
be able to accomplish the pre-
cept, which we haue receiued
from thee: to wit that he which
looueth thee, loue also his brethren.

Colos. 3. Clothe vs with the bowells of
mercy, benignitie, humilitie, low-
deltie, patience, supporting one
an other, and pardoning one an
other, if any haue a quarrel
against any man: as thou hast par-
done, so let vs doe likewise, wal-
king in loue: even as thou (O
Lord Iesus Christ) hast loved vs,
and delivered thy selfe for vs, an
oblation and sacrifice to God (thy
Father) in the odor of sweetness.

Ephes. 3. Stand therefore that before all things
we haue among our selves
mutual charitie one towards an-
other: for that charitie doth con-
quer all unkindnes, and
a multitude of sinnes. Let no
man lacke his wile interest, but
that which is for an other.
Let vs loue thee then, O our Lord

found in the holie Scriptures. 87



*The amorous affection of the soule
towards Iesus Christ.*

CHAPT. XLIX

¶ *VEN* as the hart desireth the
fountainne of waters, so doth
my soule desire thee, O God: my
soule hath thirsted after thee, the
living fountainne: when shall I
come, and appeare before thy
face? O fountainne of life, river
of delightes, veine of living
waters: when shall I come from
this desert lande, having neither
way nor water: where my soule
is as cattell without water: into
thee that I may see thy vertues,
and thy glorie: and may draw
waters in ioy out of the fountaine
of my Saviour: Drawne af
ter thee we will runne after thee
in the adour of thine ointments.

Cant. 5. Behold thou art faire, my beloved, and comely. I admire you daughters of Ierusalem, that, you shall finde my beloved. you tell him, that I languish with loue. My beloved is white and ruddie, chosen of thousands.

Cant. 2. the apple tree is among the trees of the woodes: so is my beloved among the sonnes. I sit vnder the shadow of him, whom I desired, and his fruit was sweete vnto my throte.

Cant. 8. His left hand is vnder my head, and his right hand shall embrace me.

Ibid. Who will giue to me (O my brother, sucking the breasts of my mother) that I may finde thee without, and kisse thee.

Apoc. 22. and that afterwards no man shall spise me. Come, O Lord Iesu, for thou art the roose and stock of David, the bright and morning starre. My soule hath desired thee in the night: yea

found in the holie Script. 89

with my spirit in my heart I will
watch to thee in the morning:
because thou fillest the emptie
soule, and dost satisfie the hun-
grie soule with good things.

Ps 106.

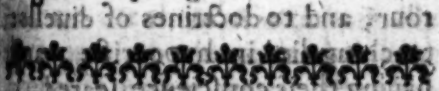
Droppe dew ye heauens from
aboue, and let the clouds raine
the iust: let the earth be opened,
and bud forth a Saviour. De-

Isa. 45.

liver me out of the hands of mine
enemies, and bring me out of
the land of this Egypt, into a
land which floweth milke and
honic: There I will be glad
and reioyce in thee: there
I will sing to thy name, o most
High.

Exod. 3

Psal. 95.



For the peace and unitie of the Church.

GENESIS I. XXXIII.

O God of peace, who hast
called us in peace, give us

*1. Cor 7
2. Thess.
3.*

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everlasting peace in euerie place.

Rom 15 Giue vs to be of one mind one
towards an other, according to

Jesus Christ: to the end that
with one mind, and with one

mouth we may glorifie thee, our
God, and the Father of our Lord

1 Cor. 1. Jesus Christ: let there be no
schismes among vs, but let vs be

trulie vnited in one sense and in one
knowledge, hauing faith, and a

1 Tim 1 good conscience: which some repel-
ling, haue made shipwrack about

1. Tim. the faith. And indeed the Spirit
saith evidently, that in the last

times certaine shall depart from
the faith, attending to spirits of

error, and to doctrines of diuells:
teaching lies in hypocricie, and

hauing their conscience seared.
3. Reg. Behold thy people, O Lord,

22. disperfed vpon the mountaines (of
pride and error.) as a sheepe not

hauing a shepheard: these verily
haue no maister: let euerie man

returne in peace into his house.

found in the holie Script. 95

meane into the bosome of their
mother the Church: let them be
conuerted to the Pastor and Br
shop of their soules: let them not
follow a stranger but flee from
him: let them heare thy voice
(o good Iesu, o good Pastor) and
let there be but one fold, and one
Pastor. O Lord, who hast saied:
I will not the death of the im-
pious, but that the impious con-
uert from his way, and liue: make
transgressors (I beseech thee) to
returne to the heart: let them re-
member the former world. Let
them returne to thee, o Lord,
and turne away from their ini-
stice: let them not taste in the
error of the impious, let them
confesse before death: the con-
fession of one dead perisheth, as a
thing nothing worth: Let them
confesse liuing, a liue and in health:
and let them praise and glorifie
thee in thy mercies. Let all the
kings of the earth remember, and be

1 Pet 2.

Io. 10.

Ezech 3.

Isa 46.

Eccle 17

Psal 111

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converted to thee, O Lord: and
let all the families of the Gentiles
adore in thy sight, O God of
peace, who hast brought out
from the dead the great Pastor of
sheepee, our Lord Iesus Christ
make vs perfect in all goodnes,
that we may doe thy will: lest
being led aside by the error of
the vnwise, we fall away from our
owne stedfastnes: contrariwise
let vs grow in grace, and in the
knowledge of Lord and Saviour
Iesus Christ: To him be glorie
both now, and vnto the day of
stermitie. Amen.



*For the Church, in time of pen-
sion.*

Section.

C H A P. XXIV.
Of the living, aine and health:

O GOD, the Nations are
come into thine inheri-
tance, they haue polluted thy

temple. The sanctification of thy Church is become desolate as a wilderness, her festinal dayes are turned into mourning, her Sabbath into reproch, her honours into nothing. According to her former glorie, such is her present shame, and her highnes is changed into lamentation. The holie places, are delivered into the hands of strangers, the temple thereof as a man of base condition: the vessels of her glorie are carried away, captives, her old men are murdered in the streets, and her young men are fallen by the sword of the enemies: and to our consecrated things, and our beautie, and our glorie is desolate, and the Nations haue defiled them. Spare, O Lord, spare thy people, and giue not thine inheritance into reproch, so that the Nations haue dominion ouer them. Why say they in the people: where is their God? 100. 1.

Dan. 9. *I beseech thee, O Lord God,*
 great and terrible, who keepest
 covenant and mercie to them,
 that loue thee, and keepe thy co-
 mandments. We haue sinned, we
 haue done iniquitie, and haue dealt
 impiously, and haue reuolted, and
 haue declined from thy comma-
 ndments and iudgement. O Lord
 shew vs our confusion of face, to our
 Princes, and to our fathers, that
 haue sinned. But to thee, O Lord
 God, is mercie and propitiation,
 because we haue reuolted from
 thee, and haue not heard thy
 voyce, to walke in thy law, which
 thou hast giuen vs. And we haue
 not besought thy face, O Lord
 our God, that we might returne
 from our iniquities, and might
 thinke on the truth. Let thy
 wrath and furie be turned away
 from vs, I beseech thee, for by
 reason of our finnes, and the
 iniquities of our fathers, we are
 a reproch, to all those that

found in the Bible Script. 98

God, we found about vs. O my God,
open thine eyes, and see our de-
lusion: for we do not prostrate
our prayres before thy face, trust-
ing in our justifications, but
in thy manifold commiserations.
Hear us, O Lord, be pacified, O
Lord, attend, and do not delay nor
deny God, for thine owne sake.
in saying them, O Lord, according to



Against the enemies of the Church.

Let the worme cate them
as a garment, and as a
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God, who shall be like thee Psal. 83

Hold not thy peace, neither
be thou appeased, O God. For
thine enemies have made
a sound; they that hate thee, have
lifted up the head. Thy name
is maligned: counsel against
thy people, and thou hast
despised thy Sanctis. Thy name

saied: Come, and let vs destroy
them out of the nation; let their
name be remembered no more.

My God, put them as a whole
and as stubble before the face of
the wind. Euen as fire that burneth
the forest, and as a flame
that burneth the mountaine: so
possesse them in thy tempest, and
in thy wrath trouble them.

Lamē.

9.

pay them, o Lord, according to
the workes of their hands: per-
secute them in thy furie, and de-
stroy them from vnder the hea-
uens. Let the worme eat them

Isa. 51.

as a garment, and let the moe
deuoure them as woole: but let
our saluation be for ever, and
in iustice vnto generations of ge-
nerations.

Isa. 51.

Eccle. 36

Haue mercie vpon vs, o God
of all, and respect vs, and shew
the light of thy mercies; and let
thy feare among the nations, that
haue not sought after thee; that
they may know, that there is a

God

found in the holie Script. 97

God but thou, to the end they
may recount thy meruailes. Lift
vp thy hand ouer the forraine na-
tions, that they may see thy
power. For as in their sight thou
art sanctified in vs, so in our sight
thou shalt be magnified in them:
that they may know thee, as we
also haue knowen, that there is
no God beside thee, o Lord. Re-
new signes, and change meruailes.
Glorifie thy hand, and thy right
arme. Stirre vp furie, and power
out wrath. Take away the ad-
uersarie, and afflict the enemy.
Hasten the time, and remember
the end, that they may declare
thy meruailes: and let all know,
that inhabite the earth, that thou
art God, the beholder of the
worldes.



*Against the assaules and tentations
of the Diuel.*

CHAP. XXVI.

Psal 63. **O** GOD, heare my prayer,
when I pray: deliuer my
soule from the feare of the ene-
140c. 12 mie. For behold the diuel is de-
scended to vs, hauing great wrath.
Ezec 28 He is that great dragon, that
was in the pleasures of the Para-
dise of God who with his taile
drew after him the third part of
the starres of heauen, and cast
them to the earth. Who stroweth
gold vnder him as durt, and hath
confidence, that Iordan may
140. 15 runne into his mouth: who is
made, to feare no man. Who
will breake the iawes of this our
wicked enemy, and take vs out
of his teeth, except thou, o Lord,

found in the holie Script. 99

who hast bruised the head of the *Pf 73.*
dragon? O Lord, deliuer our *Pfal. 21*
soules from the patte of this
dogge: saue vs from the mouth of
this lion: who goeth roaring about
vs, seeking whome he may de-
uoure. O Lord our Sauour, *Pfal 28*
helpe vs: and for the glorie of
thy name, o Lord, deliuer vs.
Make merueilous thy mercies, *Pfal 14.*
who sauest them that hope in
thee: protect vs vnder the shade w
of thy wings from the face of the
impious, that doth afflict vs. O *Pfal 67*
God of Israel, giue vs power and
strength to walke vpon this aspe
and basilisk: to tread vpon this *Pfal 90*
lion and dragon. Teach our handes *Pf. 143.*
to bataile, and our fingers to
warre. O Lord, Lord the strength *Pf 139*
of our saluation, couer our heads
in the day of battaile. O God, *Ephes. 6*
arme vs with thy armour, that
we may be able to stand against
the deceits of the diuell: for we
are not to combate against flesh

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and blood, but against Princes and
Potestates, againsts the Gouer-
nours of the world of this dark-
nes, against the spirituals of
Say. 10. wickednes, in the celestials. Thou
who hast giuen vs a strong fight,
giue likewise that we may over-
come. For we cannot resist this
1. Reg. 17. infernal Philistian, nor fight a-
Psal 34 gainst him: vntill thou (O Lord)
take armour and shield, and rise
vp to helpe vs: because we are chil-
dren, but he is a man of wars
Gen. 31. from his youth. O Lord, deliuer
me from the hand of my brother
Esau (that is, from the diuel) be-
cause I am much afraid of him,
lest perhaps he come and strike
the mother with the children
(I meane my soule with her pious
Isa. 12 affections) for this is the accuser
of our brethren, who accuseth
them before thy sight day and
night.

Jo. 10. This is the theefe and the rob-
ber, who commeth not, but to

found in the holie Script. 101

steale, and kill, and to destroy the
sheepe, for which thou (O good
Pastor) hast giuen thy life. And
to this end he transfigureth him-
selfe into an Angel of light, to
make some affraied of the feare
in the night: others of the arrow
flying in the day: some of fancies
walking in darknes: others of the
invasion or diuel of midday. His
gynne is hidden in the earth; and
his trap vpon the path: he hath
laid a stumbling block for vs in
the way: in this way in which we
walke, he hath hidden snares for
vs: saying: Who shall see them?

And to say the truth, who hath
known his deceits? or who can
discouer the face of his garment,
or the terrour, that is round about
his teeth? were it not, that thou,
our God, dost enlighten our dark-
nes, to the end we may walke
in the light of thy countenance,
and in thy light may see light.
For behold that sinner hath bent

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his bow, he hath prepared his arrows in the quiver, that he may shoote in the darke, at them that are right of heart. These and many other things this sonne of Belial, this Satan doth attempt against vs: whome, we most hum-

Rom. 16 bly beseech thee, ô God of peace,

to crush speedily vnder our feete: to the end that he may grieve at thy grace towards vs, and thou, ô Lord our God, maiest be

Psa. 90. praised in vs. Deliuér vs, ô Lord,

from the snare of the hunters, and from the sharpe word: to the end that we may praise thee saying:

Psa. 124. Blessed be our Lord, who hath

not given vs for a prey to their teeth. Our soule is deliuered as a sparrow from the snare of the fowlers: the snare is broken, and we are deliuered.



In time of temptation or tribu-
lation.

CHAPT. XXVII.

O LORD God of my salua- *Psal. 87*
tion; I haue cried in the
day, and in the night before thee.
Let my prayer enter into thy pre-
sence, encline thine eare to my
petition: because my soule is re-
plenished with euills, and my life
hath approached to hell. I am ac-
counted with them that descend
into the graue: I am become as
a man without helpe, free among
the dead: as the wounded sleeping
in the sepulchers, of whom thou
art mindfull no more, and they
are cast off from thy hand. *My* *Isa. 26*
knees are filled with sorrow: an-
guish possesseth me, as the an-
guish of a woman, that traual-
eth.

Ps. 38. leth. Heare my prayer, o Lord,
and my petition, with thine eares

Habac. receiue my teares. How long, o
Lord, shall I crie, and thou wilt
not heare? Shall I crie out to
thee suffering violence, and thou

Marc. wilt not saue? Abba, Father, all
things are possible to thee, trans-
ferre this chalice from me: yet
not what I will, but what thou

Gen. 42 wilt. Worthily do I suffer these
things, because I haue sinned
against Christ Iesus my brother:
and therefore is this tribulation
come vpon me.

Tob. 3. Blessed is thy name, o God of
our fathers: who after thou hast
beene angrie, dost shew mer-
cie, and dost forgiue them their
sinnes that call vpon thee in time
of aduersitie. To thee, o Lord,
I turne my face: to thee I direct
mine eies. I desire Lord, that
thou loose me from the bond of
this reproch, or that thou wilt
take me away from the earth.

found in the halie Script. 109

I know, that thy counsel is not
in mans power: neuerthelesse
euerie one that worshippeth thee,
is assured; that if his life be ap-
proved, it shall be crowned:
and if it be in tribulation, it shall
be deliuered: and if it be in cor-
rection, it shall be lawfull to
come to thy mercie. For thou
dost not take pleasure in our per-
dition: because after a tempest
thou makest a calme, and giuest
ioy after teares and weeping. O
God of Israel, let thy name be
blessed for euer. Amen.



A psalter in time of affliction.

CHAP. XXVIII.

LORD, why are they multi-
plied that trouble me: many
rise vp against me: many say to
my soule, there is no saluation for

106 *A hidden Treasure,*
 him in his God. But thou, O
 Lord, art my protectour, my
 glorie, and the lifter vp of my
 head. *Psal. 7.* O Lord my God, I have
 hoped in thee: saue and deliuer
 me, from all those, that perse-
 cute me. *Psal. 9.* Haue mercie on me, O
 Lord: see my humiliation by mine
 enemies. *Psal. 141.* Bring forth my soule out
 of tribulation, and in thy mercie
 destroy mine enemies: destroy
 al that afflict my soule, because
 I am thy seruant. *Psal. 30.* I am brought
 to nothing: thou hast taken away
 my desired as a wind: and my
 prosperitie is passed away, as a
 clowde. And now my soule
 withereth within me, and the
 dayes of affliction possesse me.
 I am compared to durt, and am
 made like to imbers and ashes.
 I expected good things, and euils
 are come vpon me. I expected
 light, and darknes is broken
 forth. My harpe is turned into
 mourning, and mine instrument

found in the holie Script. 107

to the voyce of such as weepe:

O Lord God of our fathers, *Dan. 3.*
thou art blessed, and thy name is
laudable, and glorious for euer:
because thou art iust in all things,
which thou hast done to vs, and
all thy workes are true, and thy
wayes right, and all thy iudgements
true. For thou hast done true iudgements,
according to all things,
which thou hast brought vpon vs:
because thou hast caused all those
things to come vpon vs in truth and
in iudgement, in respect of our
sinner. For we haue sinned and
done vniustly, revolting from thee,
and haue offended in all things.
We haue not heard, nor obserued
thy precepts, nor done as thou
hast commanded vs, that it might
be well with vs.

We beseech thee, not to take
away thy mercie from vs: but let
vs be receiued in a contrite mind,
and in the spirit of humilitie. Si-
nce there is no confusion to

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 them that trust in thee. And now
 we follow thee with our whole
 heart, and feare thee, and seeke
 thy face. Do not confound vs:
 deale with vs according to our
 meekenes, and according to the
 multitude of thy mercie. And
 glorifie vs in thy maruailles, and
 glorie to thy name, o Lord:
 let all be confounded, that
 euill to thy seruants: let them
 be confounded in thy might, and
 their strength be broken: and
 let them know, that thou art
 Lord, the onely God, and
 glorious ouer the round world.



An other to the same end.

CHAP. XXIX.

SAue me, o God: because
 waters are entered into
 Soules: I stick fast in the mire

found in the holie Script. 109

the depth, and there is no sure
standing: I am come into the
depth of the sea, and a tempest
hath overwhelmed me: I have
laboured crying, my throat is be-
come hoarse; mine eyes have fai-
led, whiles I hope in my God.
Deliver me out of the myre, that
I stick not fast: deliver me from
his doope waters. Let not the
impet of water drowne me, nor
the depth swallow me, neither let
the pit shut his mouth vpon me.
Hear me, O Lord, because thy
mercies are benigne: looke vpon
me according to the multitude of
thy compassions.

My God, my God, looke vpon *Psalm 124*
me, why hast thou forsaken me?
the wordes of my sinnes, are farre
from my salvation. My God,
Perc by day, and thou wilt not
heare; and by night, and not for
come vnto me. With me is prayer *Psalm 124*
the God of my life: I will say to
God: thou art my defender. Why

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110 *A hidden Treasure.*

hast thou forgotten me? and why
goe I sorrowful, whiles mine
enemie afflicteth me? Why art
thou heauie, ô my soule, and why
dost thou trouble me? Hope in
God, because yet I will confesse
to him, the saluation of my
countenance, and my God.

Psal. 54 My heart is troubled in me, and the
feare of death is fallen vpon me.
Feare and trembling are come
vpon me, and darknes haue
couered me. Haue mercie on

Psal. 56 me, ô God, haue mercie on me
because my soule hath trusted
thee: and I will hope in the shade
of thy wings, vntill iniquitie passe.

After O my Lord, who onely art our
14 King, helpe me, that am deso-
late, and haue no other helpe
beside thee. Remember, ô Lord,
and saue thy selfe to me in the
time of my tribulation. O God
strong aboue all, heare my voyce,
who haue no other hope: and
deliuer me from the hand of euill.

found in the holie Script. **THE**

wicked, and deliuer me from
my feare. For what is my strength **Job 6.**
to be able to sustaine? or what is
mine end, patiently to endure?
My strength is not the strength
of stones: neither is my flesh
of brasse. Behold there is no
helpe for me in my selfe, and my
familiar friends also are departed
from me. Deliuere me (o Lord) **Job 17.**
and let me heare vnto thee, and let
any mans hand fight against me.



*The Prayer of a sinner, acknow-
ledging his sinne, and
craving pardon.*

CHAP. XXX.

MY God, I am confounded **1. Esd. 9**
and ashamed to lift vp my
face towards thee: because our
iniquities are multiplied ouer our
heads, and our sinnes are grown

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Pf 105. even vnto heauen. We haue sinned
with our fathers, we haue dealt
vniustly, we haue done iniquitie.

Isa. 64. And we are all become vncleane,
and all our iustices are as the
cloth of a menstrued woman;
and we haue all fallen as a leafe,
and our iniquities, as the winde,
haue taken vs away. And now,
ô Lord, thou art our Father, and
we are clay: and thou art our
maker, and all we are the wor-
kes of thy hands. Be not ouer
angrie; ô Lord, and remember

Lamer.

s.

Num.

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e. 123

no more our iniquitie. Our Fa-
thers haue sinned, and they are
not: and behold we are risen vp
in steed of our fathers, the of-
spring and disciples of sinful men,
hereby to augment thy furie, ô
Lord, against vs. To thee, ô
Lord our God, iustice, but to
confusion of our face. We haue
sinned before thee, ô Lord our
God, and haue not holenced
thee, hauing diffidence in thee.

found in the holie Script. 144

and we haue not subiected our
selues to thee, nor heard thy
voyce, to walke in thy comma-
ndements, which thou hast giuen
vs, but haue gone away euery
man into the lense of our mali-
ciant heart, doing amisse before
thine eyes, O Lord our God.
We haue forsaken thee, O
Lord, who art the fountaine of
liuing water, and haue digged
for our selues cisternes, bro-
ken cisternes, that are not
able to hold water. What shall
we answere, O Lord? or what
shall we say? or be able iustly
to pretend? thou hast found our
iniquities. We haue not obeyed
thee, nor fulfilled all thy com-
mandements: but haue despised
thy lawes, and contemned thy
iudgements, by not doing those
things, which thou hast ordain-
ed, and fastning thy com-
mand. O Lord, looke vpon vs
from thy holie house, and incline

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thine care, and heare vs. Open
thine eyes, and see: because the
dead that are in hell (whose
spirit is taken from their bowells)
do not giue honour and iustifi-
cation to thee, O Lord: but the
soule that is sorowful for the
greatnes of euill: and goeth
crooked and wake, and they are
failing, and the hungrie soule, gi-
ueth glorie and iustice to thee
their Lord. I know, O my God,
that thou dost exact much lesse

Job 11.

of me, then mine iniquitie doth
Psal 39. deserue. Because mine iniquities
are multiplied aboue the haire of
my head. Nevertheless I beseech

Rom 5. thee, that where sinne hath
abounded, grace may more
abound: to the end, that as sinne
hath reigned to death: so also
grace may reigne by iustice to
life, euermore, through Iesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 138. O Lord, I have looked vpon thy
heavens, and thy hand hath wrought
thy power, and thy holie spirit
hath wrought thy will in me.

found in the holie Script. 113



An other of a penitent, bewailing
his finnes.

CHAPT. XXXII

FATHER, y I haue sinned Luc. 13.
against heauen and before
thee; I am not now worthy to
be called thy sonne: because I
haue gone into a farre countrie,
and there haue wasted my sub-
stance y living riotously: I haue
adhered to the citizens of this
wretched countrie: I haue fed
swine, and would faine haue filled
my bellie, with the huskes which
the swine do cate: that is to say,
with the vaine and vncleane plea-
sures of this world. I say againe,
I am not now worthy to be called
thy sonne, nor to be admitted
as one of thy hirelings. For the
sonne honoured his father, and

116: *A hidden Treasure,*

the servant his Lord: if then thou
be my Father, where is thy ho-
nour: and if thou be my Lord,
where is thy feare? Thou hast
brought me vp as a child, and
exalted me: but I haue despised
thee. Woe be to me sinful wretch
laden with grievous iniquitie, vn-

gracious child, I wicked servant.
I haue forsaken thee, my Lord.
I haue offended thee my Father,

117. 9. I haue reuolued backwards. Who
will giue water to my head, and
to mine eares? a fountaine of
teares? to the end I may weepe
day and night. Woe to me, be-

Eamēt.

5.

cause I haue sinned: therefore is
my heart heauie and sad, therefore

Psal. 71

fore are mine eyes darkned. How
am I brought into desolation.
I haue failed sodainely, I haue
perished for mine iniquitie. As
the dreme of those that awake,
mine image hath beene brought
to nothing, O Lord, in thy tithes

Psal. 30

I am forgotten from the hea-

found in the holie Script. 117

was dead: I am become as a
wrecke destroyed.

Woe is me my mother: why
hast thou borne me? why didst

not in the matrixe: or perished
me forthwith; being come forth

of the wombe: why was I dan-
dled vpon the knees: why was

I nursed with the breasts: For
now sleeping, I should be quiet,

and should rest in my slepe:
why should my life decay by

knowing, nor my yeares by gro-
nings. O Lord, I crie to thee,

and thou dost not heare me: I
sland, and thou dost not respect

me: thou art changed to be cruel
towards me, and by the hardnes

of thy hand thou art against me.
Behold; thy hand, O Lord, is not

shorted; that it cannot save;
neither is thine eare stopped, that

it cannot heare: but mine in-
iquities haue made a diuision

betweene me and thee, O my God:
and my sinnes haue hidden thy

118. *A hidden Treasure,*

face from me, that thou wilt not
heare. For my hands are polluted
with blood; and my fingers with
iniquitie: my lippes haue spoken
lies, and my tongue speaketh ini-
quities. The Prophet hath fore-
told my miserie: so wit, that those
shall perish, that separate them-
selves from thee, and that thou
wilt destroy all such, as fornicate
from thee.

But it is good for me to cleue
to God: to put my hope in our

Psalm 16. Lord God. For it is thou, O Lord,
that hast power of life and death,
and bringest downe to the gates
of death, and bringest backe

Psalm 39. againe. May it please thee, O
Lord, to deliuer me: Lord, haue

Psalm 102. respect to helpe me. Remember
I beseech thee, that I am dust
and that the dayes of man are
as grasse, and as the flower of the

Iob 10. field, so doth he flourish. Shall
not the fewnes of my dayes be
ended shortly? Suffer me there-

found in the hebrew Script. 119

fore: that I may a little lament
my sorow: and pardon me; that Psal 32.
I may be refreshed before I de-
part, and shall be no more.



Another for the remission of

our sinnes

CHAP. XXXII

HAV a mercie on me, O God, Psal 50.
According to thy great mer-
cie: and according to the multi-
tude of thy compassions, take
away mine iniquitie. Wash me
more ample from mine iniquitie,
and cleanse me from my sinne:
For if thou dost not wash me, Io. 13.
I shall not haue parte with thee.
O Lambe of God, who takest Io. 1.
away the sinnes of the world;
take away my sinne, deface mine
iniquitie. O Lord be mindfull of Job 7.
me, and take not reuenge of my

120. *A bidden Treasure,*

Tob 3. sinnes: neither call to mind my
faults: nor those of my parents.

Gen 27. Let thy furie be assuaged, and
thine indignation cease: and for-
get those things, which I have
done against thee. Abolish mine

Isa 44 iniquities as a cloude, and mine

Psal 14 sinnes as a mist: Remember not
the sinnes of my youth, nor my
ignorances: for thy name, o Lord
be mercifull to my sinne, for it is

Psal 18. verie great. Who knoweth his

Psalm 139 sinnes? Cleanse me, o Lord
from my secret sinnes, and from

Mat 8. other mens spere thy seruant. Lord
if thou wilt, thou canst make me

Ler. 33. come cleane: Cleanse me there-
fore from all mine iniquities,

the which I have sinned against
thee, and pardon all mine iniqui-
ties, by which I have offended

thee, and despised thee.

Marc 2. O Lord, who hast said: They
that are sound, need not a Physi-
cian, but those that are sick

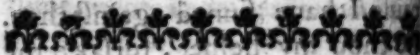
and that thy coming was not to
call

found in the holie Script. 121

all the iust, but sinners. Haue *Ps. 40.*
mercie on me, o Lord, because
I am sick: heale my soule, be-
cause I haue sinned against thee.
Be thou my helper, forsake me not: *Psal. 26*
neither despise me, o God
my Saviour, For by reason of the
weakenes and sweetnes, which is
finde to be in thee, I rûne after thee
O Lord Iesu: hearing, that thou
dost not contemne nor despise *Psal. 81*
the petition of the poore: nor dis-
pise publicans and sinners. Thou *Luc. 23.*
hast not disdained the theefe that
was penitent: nor her that be way-
ed her sinnes, lying prostrate
at thy feet: nor the woman of *Mat. 18*
Samaritan, crying after thee: nor *Jo. 8.*
that was taken in adulterie:
but thou hast not despised *Luc. 18.*
the publican, that did entreat
thee: nor thy disciple, that did
crucifie thee. Let thy mercie, *Psal. 32*
O Lord be made ypon vs, as we
have hoped in thee. O Lord

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Psal 39 I haue hoped in thee, let me not
be confounded euertastinglie.



And other for the same end.

CHAP. T. XXXIII.

Nam. **O** MOST mightie God of the
16. spirits of all flesh: who
Rom 11. iudgements are incomptrehensible
Psal 54 and wayes vnsearcheable: heare
my prayer; and despise not my
petition; attend to me, and heare
Psal 87 me; because my soule is reple-
nished with euills, and my
Psal 17 hath approached to hell. There
is no health in my flesh, by reason
of thy wrath: my bones haue no
peace, by reason of my sinne.
Because mine iniquities are mul-
tied about my head, and as a heauy
burden are become heauy vpon
me, I am become miserable
and made exceeding crooked,

found in the holie Script. 123

wake sorrowful all the day: I am afflicted, and too too much dejected; I roare through the groning of my heart. All my desire, o Lord, is before thee: and my groning is not hid from thee.

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My God, I am confounded and ashamed to lift vp my face to thee: because mine iniquities are multiplied ouer my head, and my sinnes are grown euen to heaven.

Ezech.

But why shall I die in my sinnes, when thou wilt not the death of a sinner, but rather that he conuert from his way, and liue?

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For thou art not delighted in our perdition. Looke therefore vpon me, and haue mercie on me: conuert me, and I shall be conuerted, for thou art the Lord my God: for after thou hast conuerted me, I will doe penitance: I will declare mine iniquitie, and will thinke for my sinne. I will confesse mine iniustice to thee, o Lord, and thou wilt pardon the

Tob. 3.

Psal. 24

Ier. 31.

Psal. 37

Psal. 38.

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Psal. 102. impietie of my sinne. For thou dost not deale with vs according to our sinnes, neither dost thou render vnto vs according to our iniquities. For according to the height of heauen from the earth, so dost thou confirme thy mercie vpon them that feare thee. As farre as the east is distant from the west, make our iniquities farre from vs. As a father hath compassion of his children: so ô Lord, haue compassion of vs, that feare thee, because thou knowest our making. Remember that we are dust.

Psal. 78. For the glorie of thy name. ô Lord, deliuer vs: and for thy names sake be mercifull to our sinnes.

Psal. 26. Turne not away thy face from me: depart not in anger from thy seruant: but looke vpon

Psal. 83. the face of thy Christ: who was wounded for our iniquities, was broken for our sinnes: we all haue gone astray as sheepe: euerie one

Isa 53.

found in the beate Script. 129

hath declined into his owne way,
and thou (O Lord) hast put vpon
him the iniquitie of vs all: by
striking him for the iniquitie of
thy people. For his sake, who did *1 Pet. 2.*
no sinne, neither was guile found
in his mouth: heale me a mem- *Ephes. 5.*
ber of his bodie, of his flesh, and
of his bones. Attend from heauen, *Isa. 63.*
and looke from thy holie habi-
tation, and from the throne of
thy glorie: let not the multitude
of thy bowells and of thy mer-
cies (I beseech thee) be held
back towards me.



*The prayer of Manasses King of Iudah,
for the remission of his sinnes: when
he was detained prisoner in Babylon.*

CH. AN. XXXIV.

O LORD all-mightie, God of *2. PAR. 33.*
our Fathers, Abraham, Isaac,

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and Iacob, and of their iust seed:
who hast made heauen, and earth,
with all the ornament of them:
who hast bound the sea by the
word of thy commandement: who
hast included the depth, and signed
it with thy terrible and laudable
name: whome all things feare,
and tremble before the face of
thy power: because the magni-
ficence of thy glorie is insuppor-
table, and the anger of thy threat-
ning towards sinners is intoler-
able: but the mercie of thy pro-
messe is great and inestimable:
because thou art the most soue-
raigne Lord over all the earth:
benigne, patient, and exceeding
mercifull, and penitent over the
malices of men. Thou, ô Lord,
according to the multitude of thy
goodnes, hast promised penance
and pardon to those, that haue
sinned against thee, and in the
multitude of thy mercies, hast
ordained penance for sinners
vnto saluation.

found in the holie Script. 127

Thou therefore, ô Lord God of the iust, hast not ordained penance for the iust, Abraham, Isaac, and Iacob, to them, that haue not sinned against thee: but thou hast ordained penance for me a sinner: because I haue sinned aboue the number of the sand of the sea. Mine iniquities are multiplied, ô Lord, mine nequities are multiplied, and I am not worthy to see and behold the height of heauen, by reason of the multitude of mine iniquities. I am bowed downe with many chaines of iron, so that I cannot lift vp my head, nor scarge breath: because I haue incensed thy furie, and haue done euil before thee. I haue not done thy will, nor kept thy commandements: I haue ordained abominations, and multiplied offenses. But now bow the knee of my heart, imploring thy goodnes. I haue sinned, and acknowledge mine

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iniquities. Wherefore I intreat,
beseeching thee, pardon me, O
Lord, pardon me, and do not
destroy me with mine iniquities,
neither reserve my evils to me,
being alwayes angrie, neither
damne me into the lowest place
of the earth: because thou art
God, the God, I say, of pe-
nitents, and in me thou wilt shew
all goodnes: because thou wilt
saue me (albeit vnworthy) ac-
cording to thy great mercie: and
I will praise thee alwayes, all the
dayes of my life: because all the
host of heauen doth praise thee:
and to thee is glorie for euer and
euer. **Amen.**

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kept thy commandments: I
have ordained abominations, and
multiplied offences. But now
bow the knee of my heart, im-
ploring thy goodnes. I have
sinned, and acknowledge mine

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A prayer to flie bad companie.

CHAP. XXXV.

DELIVER me, ô Lord, from
bad men : rescue me from
vniust men : who haue deuised ini-
quitie in their heart, contriue bar-
rels all the day. They haue whet
their tongues, as that of a ser-
pent, the venime of aspicks is
under their lippes. Keepe me, ô
Lord, from the hand of a sinner,
and deliuer me from vniust men.
Who haue plotted to supplant my
steppes : the proud haue hid a
snare for me, and they haue
stretched out ropes for a snare :
they haue laied a stumbling block
for me neere the way. Keepe me
from the scandalls of them, that
worke iniquitie. Saue me, ô
Lord, because the holie hath

Ps. 139

Ps. 140

Ps. 112

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failed, because verities are diminished from among the children of men. Each one hath spoken vaine things to his neighbour: their lippes are full of deceit, they haue spoken with a double heart: they speake peace withh their neighbour, but malice is in their hearts.

Psal. 17

Ier. 8.

For I haue attended and hearkened: no man speaketh that which is good: there is none, that doeth penance for his sinne, saying: What haue I done? They are all turned to their owne course, as a horse going to the battell with violence. I haue called my friends, and they haue deceiued me.

Lamēt.

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Ier. 51.

Wherefore we beseech thee, O Lord, to giue vs grace, that we may flie out of the middest of Babylon, that euerie one may save his soule. Giue vs grace, (I say) that euerie one may beware of his neighbour, and put no confidence in any brother: because euery

Ier. 9.

man hath forsaken his friend, his brother, his neighbour, and his friend: because euery

found in the holie Script. 131

brother supplanting will supplant,
and euery friend will walke de-
ceitfully: and man will scorne his
brother, and they will not speake
truth, for they haue taught their
tongues to speake lies, they haue
laboured to doe vniustly. How *Psal. 93:*

long, o Lord, shall sinners be?
How long shall sinners glorie?
how long shall they vtter and
speake iniquitie? how long shall
they talke, and doe vniustly? Per- *Psal. 140.*

mit not, o Lord, that my heart
decline into wordes of malice, to
make excuses in sinnes, with
men that worke iniquitie, Let *Psal 150*

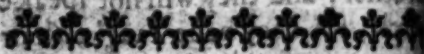
not the foote of pride come to
me, neither let the hand of a sinner
moue me: there haue they fallen,
that worke iniquitie: they were
expelled, neither could they stand.

Draw me not together with sin- *Psal. 27*
ners, neither destroy me with

them that worke iniquitie: turne *Psal 126*
not away thy face from me, de-
part not in anger from thy ser-

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uant: be thou my helper, forsake
me not, neither despise me, O God
my Saviour.



*An other, to crave a pure intention
in all our actions.*

CHAP. XXXVI.

I. Par.

I KNOW, O my God, that thou
searchest into our hearts, and
lovest simplicitie; wherefore in
the simplicitie of my heart,
offer my selfe vnto thee, O Lord
God, preserve for ever this will
my heart, and let this mind
mayne alwayes to thine honour:
the end I may alwayes keepethy
commandements, thy testimonies,

II. Par.

and thy ceremonies: because there
is no God like to thee in heaven
and in earth: who keepest cove-
nant and mercie with thy ser-
uants, that walke before thee

all their heart. Wherefore as long
 as breath remaineth in me: and
 my spirit, for my God, in my no-
 strils: my lips shall not speak
 untruth: and my tongue shall not
 meditate lying: yea although thou
 shalt kill me, I will trust in thee:
 and thou shalt not be proud
 against me. I will be proude in
 thy sight, and thou shalt
 be my Saviour: for no hypocrite
 shall come in thy presence.
 Woe to him, that is of a dou-
 ble heart, and of sinful lips,
 and to the hands that doe evil,
 and to the dagger, that goeth on
 the earth two wayes. As a dreame
 flieth away, he shall not be
 found: he shall passe as a vision
 by night. O Permit me not there-
 fore, O Lord, to be of the num-
 ber of those, of whom the Pro-
 phet Haie hath truly prophetized,
 saying, This people approcheth
 me with their mouth, and ho-
 noureth me with their lips: but
 their heart is farre from me.

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- Job. 11. Grant that I may be (as the
servant Job) simple, and right
and fearing God, and departing
from evil. Therefore whether
I eat or drink, or doe any other
thing, doe vs doe: all things vnto
thy glorie, O Lord. And when
I focus vpon thee, let vs doe it from
the heart, as for thee, O Lord
and not as for men: knowing
that we shall receive from thee
the tribulation of inheritance: for
if thou wilt be prompt, it is ac-
cepted according to that which
hath not according to that which
is hath not. And now what
my desire is is not thou, O Lord
and my substance is with thee:
hence I come to thee, O Lord,
hence I said to Thee: thou art my hope,
my portion in the land of the
living. For what have I in heaven?
And besides thee, what would
I put in earth? my flesh hath fastened
and my heart: O Lord of my life
and God my portion for ever.

Ezech. to thee. Giue vs likewise a new
36. heart, and put a new spirit in
 the midst of vs : and take away
 the stonie heart out of our flesh
 and giue vs a heart of flesh : and
 put thy spirit in the midst of vs,
 and make, that we may walke
 in thy precepts, and keepe thy
 iudgements, and doe them.

Psal 93. Blessed is the man, whom
 thou shalt instruct, **O Lord :**
 thou shalt teach out of thy law.

Psal 113. Blessed art thou, **O Lord :** teach me
 thy iustifications, open mine eyes,
 and I will consider the maruailous
 things of thy law : I am a stran-
 ger in the land, hide not thy
 commandements from me. Give
 me understandings, and I will search
 thy law, and keepe it with
 my whole heart. Guide me in
 the path of thy commandments,
 because I desire it. Incline my
 heart into thy testimonies,

3. Reg. 8 not into auarice. **O Lord**
 God, be thou with vs, **O Lord**

found in the holie Script. 237

hath beene with our fathers; not
forsaking, nor reiecting vs: but
incline our hearts to thee, that
we may walke in all thy wayes,
and keepe thy commandments.

O God of peace (who hast
brought out from the dead the
great Pastor of the sheepe in
the blood of the eternal Testa-
ment, our Lord Iesus Christ)
perfect vs in all goodnes, that
we may doe thy will: effecting
vs that which is acceptable to
thee by Iesus Christ: to whome
(with thee and the holie Ghost) be
glorie for euer and euer. Amen.

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A prayer to God to demand

Wisedome.

CH. A. F. XXXVIII.

O GOD of my Fathers, and *sap. 9*
Lord of mercie, who hast

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made all things by thy word, and
by thy wisdom hast appointed
man, that he should haue do-
minion of the creature, that was
made by thee, that he should dis-
pose the round world in equite
and iustice, and execute iudge-
ment in direction of heart: giue
me Wisdom, the assistant of
thy seates, and repell me not
from thy children: because I am
thy seruant, and the sonne of thy
hand-maid: a weake man, and
of small time, and yet lesse in
the vnderstanding of iudgement
and lawes. For albeit any one be
perfect among the children of
men: yet if thy Wisdom be
absent from him, he shall be
esteemed as nothing: thy wis-
dome, I meane, which is with
thee, and knoweth thy workes:
the which likewise was then pre-
sent, when thou didst make the
round world, and knew what was
pleasing in thine eyes, and what

found in the holie Script. 139

was direct in thy precepts. Send
me from thy holie heauens, and
from the seate of thy greatness:
that it may be with me, and may
laboure with me, that I may know
what is acceptable with thee: for
thou knoweth all things, and vnder-
standeth, and will conduct me
soberly in my workes, and will
preserue me by its power. And
my workes shall be acceptable,
and I shall dispose al things
iustlie. For what man is able to
know the counsell of God? or
who can thinke what God will?
For the thoughts of mortal men
are full of feare, and our prou-
idences ynecesse. For the bodie,
that is corrupted, burdeneth the
soule, and the earthly habitation
presseth downe the vnderstan-
ding, that thinketh many things.
And we do hardly coniecture the
things that are in the earth, and
with labour find out the things
that are in our sight: as for the

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things; that are in the heauens,
who shall search them out? And
who shall know thy sence, vn-
lesse thou giue wisedome, and
send thy holie Spirit from on
high? that so the pathes of them,
that are on the earth, may be cor-
rected, and men may learne the
things that please thee. For they
were healed by wisedome, who-
soever haue pleased thee, o Lord,
from the beginning.



An other for Wisedome.

CHAP. XXXIX.

547 7. **I** DESIRE (and inuocate thee,
o Lord) that vnderstanding
may be giuen me, and that the
spirit of wisedome may come vpon
me. For all good things will
come to me together with it, and
by the meanes thereof goodnes

found in the bulke Script. 141

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almost infinite: and I shall re-
ioyce in all things, because this
wisdom will goe before me, nei-
ther am I ignorant that it is the
mother of all these. For it is an
infinite treasure to men, of which
those that do make vse, are made
partakers of the friendship of
God, commended for the gifts
of discipline. It reacheth from
end vnto end mightily, and dis-
poseth all things sweetlie: for it
is the maistresse of the discipline
of God, and the chooser of his
workers. And if a man loue in-
dustrie, the labours thereof haue
great vertues: for it teacheth so-
brietie, and prudence, and iu-
stice, and fortitude, then the which
nothing is more profitable to
men in this life: because the con-
sideration thereof hath no bit-
ternesse, nor its companie teari-
fulness, but ioy and gladnes: for
that Wisdom doth deliuer them
that obserue it, from sorowes.

Sap. 2.

Sap. 10.

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Iob 18.

But where is wisdom to be found? and what is the place of understanding? Man knoweth not the price thereof, neither is it found in the land of them that live deliciously. It is hidden from the eyes of all living. God understandeth the way of it, and he knoweth the place thereof. When he gave a law to rain, and a way to the founding storm. Then he saw it, and declared, and prepared, and searched it: and he said to man: Behold the fear of our Lord, that is wisdom, and to depart from evil, understanding.

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Wherefore, O Lord God, I beseech thee, grant me this grace, that coveting wisdom, I may keep justice, that thou mayest bestow it upon me: because all wisdom is from thee, and hath beene alwayes with thee, and before all time. I pray, and desire, that I may be filled with the

Colos. 1.

found in the holie Scriptures. 1143

knowledge of thy will, in all wis-
dom, and spiritual understand-
ing: that I may walke worthy
of thee, pleasing thee in all things;
fructifying in all good workes,
and increasing in thy knowledge.
I will give glorie to him, that Eccli. 51
giveth me wisdom. Thy name, O
Lord be blessed from ever-
lasting, and for evermore: because
wisdom and strength are thine:
and thou givest wisdom to the
wise and knowledge to them that
understand discipline: thou re-
vealst profound and hidden
things, and knowest the things,
that are done in darkness, and
light is with thee.

Thou, ascending into the heav-
naine, O Lord Iesu, hast called
unto thee, whom thou wouldst
thy selfe, and they came to thee.
Poure out upon vs the spirit of
grace and prayers: bring us
into thy holie mountaine, and
make us joyfull in the house of

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To obtaine the gift of contin-

plation.

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CHAPTER XL

Who shall ascend

into thy mount ? or who

shall stand in thy holie place

He that is innocent of hand

and cleane of heart, that hath

received his soule in vaine. Ble-

sed are the cleane of heart,

they shall see God. Blessed is

whome thou hast chosen and

ken: he shall dwell in thy court

Thou, ascending into the moun-

taine, o Lord Iesu, hast called

vnto thee, whome thou would

thy selfe, and they came to thee

Powre out vpon vs the spirit of

grace and prayers: bring vs

into thy holie mountaine, and

make vs ioyful in the house

of thy holie father

in the name of our Lord Iesu

Christ, Amen

Mat. 5.

Psal. 64.

Marc. 3.

Zach. 11.

Isa. 56.

found in the holie Scripture. 145

by prayer lift vs vp above the heights of the earth into the mount of thy right hand to the high hill of thy holie house. Inebriate vs with the plentie of thy house, and make vs to drinke of the current of thy pleasures. because with thee is the fountaine of life, and in thy light we shall see light. Extend thy mercie, O Lord, to them that know thee, and thy iustice to them are of a right heart: to the end that we may sucke, and be filled of the breast of thy consolation: that we may milke and and flow with delights. in all manner of thy glorie. feed vs with the bread of thy mercie, and giue vs to drinke with reares, in measure. O Lord, thy workes are marvellous, and my soule knoweth it exceedingly: wherfore change my mourning into ioy vnto me.

Contemplation is the good part of Marie, which shall not be taken away from her. It is that

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Iob 28. wisdom, whose price is unknowne to man (it is drawen out of secret places) neither is it found in the land of them that live del-
1. Cor. 2. clously. It is the wisdom which S. Paul did preach to the perfect,
Heb. 5. to them that by custome have their senses exercised, or (to witte
Mat. 11. our Saviours wordes) it is the wisdom, which thou (ô Lord) hast hidden from the wise and prudent, and revealed to little
3 Reg. 19. ones. It is the whistling of a gentle wind, which when Elias had heard, he covered his face with
Psal 41 his mantel. This is the place of a marvellous tabernacle, even the
Psal 77 house of God: where man eateth the bread of Angells. It is a Pa-
Gen. 2. radice of pleasure, planted by our
Gen. 4 Lord. It is a garden enclosed, where the flowers doe appeare, and the voyce of the turtle-dove
Gen. 2 is heard. It is a fountaine sealed
Isa 4. up: from whence living water
Apoc. 2. drawen and drunken. It is the

found in the bolie Scripte. 147

hidden Manna: the new name,
which no man knoweth, but he
that receiveth it. It is finally that *Mat. 19*
centuple or hundred fold: which
thou (ô King of the worldes, im- *1. Tim. 1*
mortal, invincible, and only God)
hast promised, and dost bestow
indeed (even in this world) upon
the contentners of the world.



*To be able to performe the vaines
of Religion.*

CHAP. XLII.

ACEPT me (ô Lord.) for *Exod.*

I offer my selfe unto thee *25.*
according to thy words, and
I shall live: and confound me
out of mine expectation. *Job 14*
Thou hast called me, and I have an-
swered thee: stretch out thy
right hand, to the worke of thy

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Ps. 10. *Thou hast chosen this*
handes. *With many others (whom thou*
hast presented in the blessings of
sweetnes) out of the world:

10. 12. *pray not, that thou take vs away*
out of the world; but that thou
preserue vs from euill: grant, that

Psal. 65 *we may render the vowes, which*
we haue expressed with our lipps:

Eccle 5. *for it is much better not to vow,*
them after a vow. *Not to per-*
forme the things promised. For

2. Pet. 2. *if after that we are retired from*
the coinquinations of the world,
by the knowledge of our Lord
and Sauour Iesus Christ, we ne-
uerthelesse being againe intan-
gled in them, be overcome: our

later condition is worse vnto vs
then our former. Wherefore ma-
king our soules chaste in the obe-
dience of charitie, in the sincere
loue of fraternitie, let vs cordi-
ally loue one another affection-

Aff. 6. *ately. Let vs not be of the Syn-*
agogue of the Libertines: but of

found in the holie Script. 149

nouncing impietic and worldly desires, let vs liue soberly, and iustly, and religiously: expecting the blessed hope and aduent of the glorie of the great God, and our Sauour Iesus Christ. Let our profound pouertie abound vnto the riches of our simplicitie. Let vs all haue one heart, and one soule: neither let any one say that ought is his owne of those things which he doth possesse, (but let all things be in common vnto vs: Let vs walke in the spirit, and not accomplish the desires of the flesh. God forbid likewise that we glorie sauing in the crosse of our Lord Iesus Christ; by whome the world is crucified to vs, and we to the world.

Tit. 2:

2. Cor. 8

Ad. 4.

Gal. 5:

Gal. 6.

Ephes 4

O Lord, giue vs grace, I beseech thee, to walke worthy of the vocation, to which we are called: with all humilitie and mildnes, with patience, supporting one another in charitie, careful to keepe

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the vnitie of the spirit in the bond
Ephes 5 of peace: being subiect one to an
Philip 2 other in the feare of Christ. Grant
that we may doe all things without
murmurings and staggering: to
the end we may be without
blame, and the simple children of
God, without reprehension in the
middest of a wicked and peruerse
nation: among whome let vs
shine as lightes in the world.
Philip 3 Grant (ô Lord) that our conuer-
sation may be in heaven; that
for forgetting the things that are
behind, but auancing our selues
to those that are before, we may
pursue to the marke, to the
price of thy supernall vocation of
Christ Iesus: for we are come to
this place, to the end, that we
should be of the same mind, and
perseuere in the same Rule.
Vouchsafe, ô Lord, to all those that
follow this Rule, that peace may
be vpon them, and mercie, and
vpon the Israel of God. The grace

found in the holie Scriptures. 150

of our Lord Iesus Christ, be with
our spirit. Amen.

And now we praye for the

whole world, that the world

may be brought to the

knowledge of the goodnes of God.

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CHAP. XLII.

YE heauens giue praise: and *Isa. 49*

thou earth reioyce, yea moun-

taynes make inbilation of thankes-

giving: because our Lord hath *Isa. 4*

comforted his people, and will

haue pittie of his poore ones. For *Isa. 3*

can a woman forget her infand,

that shet will not haue pittie on

the sonne of her wombe? And at-

beit shee should forget him; yet

thou, o Lord, hast promised not

to forget vs. Behold thou hast

written vs in thy hands: because

thou art a milde and mercifull

God, patient and of much com-

passion, and pardoning our euill

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actions. For thou hast so loved the world, that thou hast given thine onely begotten sonne, that whosoever believeth in him, perish not, but may haue life everlasting: for thou hast not sent thy Sonne into the world, to iudge the world, but that the world may

Gen. 47 be saued by him. Our life is in thy hand: onely (ô Lord) haue a respect vnto vs.

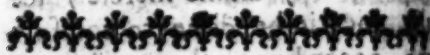
Ps. 138. I beseech thee, ô Lord God of heauen, strong, great, and terrible: who keepst covenant and mercie with them that loue thee, and keepe thy commandements. Let thine eares be listning, and thine eyes be open, to heare the praye of thy seruant, which I pray before thee this day. Remember, ô Lord thy commiserations, and thy mercies, that age from the beginning of the world.

Ps. 124. One depth calleth vpon another depth (the depth, I meane, of my humane miserie, vpon the

found in the holy Script. 153

depth of thy diuine mercie) let
thy mercie be done to comfort
me, according to thy worde vnto
thy seruant: let thy commiserations
come to me, and I shall
liue: because thy law is my medi-
tation.. Looke vpon me and haue
mercie on me, according to the
iudgement of them, that loue
thy name. Thou hast pardoned;
Achab, humbling himselfe be-
fore thee: and those of Ninue,
being conuerted from their euil
way: and the wordes of thy Pro-
phets with one mouth preach
good things vnto vs (if we doe
penance) let thy word therefore
be like to theirs; and speake and
doe good to vs. Amen.

being good vs. Amen.



*The prayer of one humbling himself
before God.*

C H A P. XLIII.

Luc. 18. **O** GOD, be mercifull to me
Rom. 7. a sinner for I know, that
Gen. 3. in me (that is, in my flesh) there
 dwelleth no good: because the
 sense and cogitation of man's
 heart, are prone to evil: even
Gen. 18. from his youth. Nevertheless
 I will speake to my Lord, both
Psal. 73 though I am dust and ashes. Let
 not the humble be turned away
 being confounded: the poore and
 needie shall praise thy name:
Dan. 9. neither do I prostrate my prayers
 before thy face in my iustificatiōs,
Gen. 32. but in thy manifold mercies. I am
 inferiour to all thy fauours, and to
 thy truth, which thou hast ful-
Pf. 113 filled in thy seruant. Not to vs,

found in the holie Script. 155

ô Lord, not to vs? but to thy
name giue the glorie. For we, *Luc. 17.*
although we had done all things,
that are commanded vs, are vn-
profitable seruants, we haue done
that which we ought to doe. Nay,
we are wicked seruants, sithence *Rom. 3.*
we haue all sinned, and need thy
glorie, ô God: being iustified
gratis by thy grace, by the re-
demption that is in Christ Iesus.
For can man be iustified, being *Iob 25.*
compared with God, or the borne
of a woman appeare cleane? Be-
hold the moone doth not shine,
and the starres are not cleane, ô
Lord, in thy sight: how much
more man, that is corruption,
and the sonne of man, that is but
a worme. I know that it is so *Iob 9.*
indeed, and that man being com-
pared to thee (ô Lord our God)
cannot be iustified. If he will
contend with thee, he cannot an-
swere thee one for a thousand.
Thou art wise of heart, and strong

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of force: who hast resisted thee,
and hath had peace. Of what
greatness then am I, that will
answere thee, and speake with
my wordes to thee? Who although
I haue any iust thing, will not an-
swere, but will beseech thee my

Ps. 141. Iudge. Enter thou into iudgement
with thy seruāt: because no man
living shall be justified in thy sight.

Iob 41. Shew not thy might against
a leafe that is violently carried away
with the winde, neither do thou

1. Reg. 24. persecute drie stubble. Whome
dost thou persecute, O King of
Israel? whome dost thou perse-
cute? (if thou shouldest perse-
cute me) thou dost persecute

Psal 113. dead dog, and a flea. O God
saue me in thy name, and by thy

Ps. 70. power defend me. O Lord I have
hoped in thee, let me not be con-
founded euermore: in thy
mercy deliuer me, and receiue me.

Psal. 30. Make thy face to shine vpon
thy seruāt, saue me in thy mercy.

Lord

found in the holie Script. 157

Lord, let me not be confounded:
because I haue inuocated thee.



For p[er]seuerance.

CHAP. XLIV.

O LORD, giue me strength, Eccl. 46
and let my strength conti-
nue quen vntil old age: to the end
that all may see, that it is good to
obey the holie God. Reiect me Psal. 70
not in the time of my old age:
when my strength shall faile me,
forsake me not. O God, be not
farre from me: my God, haue re-
spect to mine ayde: and take Ps. 117
not away wholie the word of truth
out of my mouth: because I haue
much hoped in thy iudgements.
Let me not be of the number of Eccl. 2
those, to whome the diuel com-
meth, and taketh the worde out
of their heart, least beleewing

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they should be saved: neither of the number of those, that for a time belecue, and in time of temptation they revolt: neither of those who heare the word: but afterward are choked with the cares, and riches, and pleasures of this life. And render no fruit.

But make me to be of the number of those, who hauing heard the word with a good and verie good heart; do retaine it, and yeild fruit in patience: for he,

Mat. 10 that shall perseuere to the end,

Apoc. 2. shall be saved. Grant that I may be faithfull vntil death, to the end thou mayest giue me the crowne of life: because he that shall

2. 17 overcome, shall not be hurt by the second death: but shall be

Apoc. 3 kept from the hower of temptation, which shall come vpon the whole world, to tempt the inha-

Mat. 26 bitants of the earth. Make me to wash and pray, that I enter not into temptation.

found in the be holic Script. 139

Behold they that serue thee are *Iob 4.*
settle, and in thy Angels thou
hast found wickednes: how much
more they that inhabite houses of
clay, which haue an earthly habi-
tation, shall be consumed as it
were of the mothe. Wherefore I *Iob 5.*
beseech thee, O Lord, and addresse
my speach towards thee my God:
O Lord, Lord, the strength of my *Ps 139.*
saluation: ouer-shadow my head
in the day of battaile. Leau me
not, O Lord, contrarie to my de-
sire to the sinner: they haue de-
fied against me: forsake me not,
lest perhaps they grow proud. O *1. Cor.*
God most faithful, suffer vs not to *10.*
be tempted aboue that which we
are able, but ayde vs in tempta-
tion that we may haue strength to
sustaine. For he that endureth *1. Cor. 13.*
temptation (when he hath bene
proved) shall receiue the crowne
of life, which thou, O God, hast
promised to them that loue thee: *1. Pet. 1.*
that is, an inheritance incorruptible

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ble, and incontinent, and that
cannot fade, conserued in the
heauens for vs: readie to be re-
uealed in the last time: wherein we
shall reioyce, being now for a
little time made heauie in diuerse
temptations, if it be fitting: to
the end that the prooue of our
faith, much more pretious then
gold (whis is proued by the fire)
may be found to our praise, and
glorie, and honour, when Iesus
Christ shall be reuealed. Amen.



For trauailers and pilgrimes.

CHAP. XLV.

2. Mar.
shab. 1.
Rom. 5.

Io. 4.

O Lord God, omnipo-
tent and eternal: the Father
of our Lord Iesus Christ, I be-
seech thee by all the pilgrimages
of this thy sonne; who passing
through Samaria, wearied with tra-

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making, fate downe vpon Iacobs
fountain: who likewise went from
place to place doing good, and
healing all that were oppressed of
the devil. Give thy Angels charge
of vs, that thy keepe vs is all our
wayes. Let them be with vs, as
they were with Abrahams servant,
and with Iacob at his returne from
Mesopotamia. Well may we
walke, and be thou, O God, in
our iourney, and let thy Angels
accompany vs, as they did the chil-
dren of Israel, coming forth of
Egypt. Let them keepe vs, as
they kept the Prophet Elieas
from the Syrians. Daniel from
the mouthes of the lions. Send
the Angel Raphael to be the com-
panion of our voyage, as thou
didst send him with young To-
bias: to the end that we may
goe, and returne in peace. And
thou O good Iesu, approch
and goe with vs: for thou art the
only Pilgrime, not having where

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Psal. 90

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Gen. 24

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Tob. 13

Exod. 14

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Dan. 6

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to lay thy head: be thou our
keeper whither so euer we goe
Gen. 28. and bring vs backe into our land
Pf. 106. deliuer vs from our necessities
Psal. 5. conduct vs in thy iustice, direct vs
in thy way, because of our ene-
Psal. 16. mies: perfect our paces in thy
paths, to the end that our feet
Psal. 25. slippe not. O my God, saue thy
seruants, that hope in thee. Be
Ua. 4. ynto vs a tabernacle for a place
of shadow in the day from the
heate, and for securitie, and con-
uery, from the whyrlewind, and
from raine, and conduct vs in the
Pf. 138. euerlasting way.
Psal. 138. O Lord, heare our prayer, and
our petition: with thine eares con-
ceiue our secret: because we are
strangers and pilgrymes with thee,
Psal. 78. euen as all our fathers. O God our
Io. 14. Saviour (who art the way, and the
1. Pet. 2. truth, and the life) helpe vs: that
as strangers and pilgrymes we may
refraine our selves from carnal de-
sires, which warre against the

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hauing our conuerſation
good among the Gentiles: that
in that wherein they miſrepor of
as of malefactorſ: & they may
glorifie thee, our God, in the day
of viſitation, by the good workes,
which they ſhall ſee in vs: ſalu-
ing vs, and confeſſing that we are
(truly) pilgrims and ſtrangers Heb. 11.
upon the earth: expecting the ci-
ty that hath foundations: where-
of thou (O God) art the artiſer
and maker: where being crucified,
we ſhall ſee thee our King in
thy beautie: and ſhall praiſe thee
euerlaſtingly. Amen.

~~For ſuch are in baniſhment
and captiuitie.~~

~~We haue ſinned, we haue done
wickedly, we haue diſobeyed
the Lord our God, and~~
~~gather vs out of the Nations.~~

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Deut.
30.

2. Ma-
chab. 1.

Ps. 125.

Ps. 136.

BARNES:

2.

201. 19

that we may may confesse to thy
holy name, and may glorie in thy
praise. O Lord our God, reduce
vs from our captiuitie, and haue
mercie vpon vs; and gather vs to-
gether from among all the peo-
ples, into which thou hast disper-
sed vs: bring vs back and take vs
from the poles of heaven, whither
we are dispersed, and make vs to
returne into the land, which our
fathers possessed. Gather toge-
ther our dispersion, deliuer those
that serue the Gentiles, and re-
gard the contemned and abhor-
red; that the Gentiles may know
that thou art our God. Turne
our captiuitie, O Lord, as a re-
rent in the south. For how shall
we sing the song of our Lord in
a strange land?

We haue sinned, we haue done
impiously, Haue dealt vnjustly,
O Lord our God, in all thy iustices.
Let thy wrath be turned away
from vs, because we are left a few

in O

found in the holie Script. 165

among the nations, where thou
hast dispersed vs. Heare, ô Lord,
our prayers and our petitions, and
bring vs out for thine owne sake:
and grant vs to finde grace before
their face, that haue led vs away:
that all the earth may know, that
thou art the Lord our God: and
we will praise thee in the land of
our captiuitie; and will be mind-
ful of thy name.



A prayer in time of warre.

CHAP. XLVII.

BEHOOLD, ô Lord, the Na-
tions are come together
against vs, to destroy vs: thou
knowest what things they intend
against vs. How shall we be able
to stand before their face, vntill
thou, ô God, do helpe vs. They
haue enuironned vs as a circle

*1. Ma-
chab 3.*

Isa 29.

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4 Reg.
19.

Indith
6.

Indith
7.

round about vs, and haue cast a
rampier against vs, and haue pla-
ced munitions to besiege vs. Lord
God of Israel, who sittest vpon
the Cherubins, thou art the onely
God of all the Kings of the earth
thou hast made heauen and earth.
Incline thine eare, and heare:
open thine eies, o Lord, and see:
heare all the wordes of our ene-
mies, and saue vs from their hands:
that all the kingdomes of the
earth may know, that thou,
Lord, art the onely God. Lord
God of heauen and earth, Behold
the pride of our enemies, and
haue regard to our humilitie, and
looke vpon the face of thy
Saints: and shew, that thou
dost not forsake them that pre-
sume of thee, and dost humble
those, that presume of themselves,
and glorie of their power.
We haue sinned with our fa-
thers, we haue dealt vntruly, we
haue committed iniquitie. Thou,

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who art pittifal, haue mercie
vpon vs, or in thy seuerge re-
uenge our iniquities; and deli-
uer not them that trust in thee, to
a people, that knoweth not thee:
to the end that they say not among
the Gentiles, Where is their God?
Lord, Lord, King omnipotent, in
thy dominion all things are set,
and there is none that can resist
thy will, if thou determine to
doe vs. Thou hast made heauen
and earth, and whatsoeuer is con-
tained in the compasse of hea-
uen: thou art Lord of all things,
neither is there any that can re-
sist thy maiestie. And now, o
Lord King, the God of Abra-
ham, take pittie of thy people:
because our enemies desire to de-
stroy vs, and to extinguish thine
inheritance. Despise not thy por-
tion, which (with thine owne
blood) thou hast redeemed. Heare
our prayer, and be propitious to
thy lot and corde: and change

Esther

13.

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our mourning into ioy, that liuing
we may praile thy name, O Lord
and do not shut the mouthes
them, that sing to thee.



*A prayer at the entrance into
the battelle.*

CHAPT. XLVIII.

Psalm 43

O God, we haue heard with
our eares, our fathers haue
declared vnto vs, the worke which
thou hast wrought in their dayes
and in the ancient times. Thy
hand destroyed the nations, and
thou didst plant them, thou didst
afflict the peoples, and expell
them. For they did not possess
the land by their owne sword
neither did their owne arme save
them: but thy right hand, and
thy arme, and the light of thy
countenance, because thou wast
delighted in them. Thou art

found in the holie Script. 169

come our King, and our God, who
ordaine the deliueries of Ia-
cob. By thes we shall drue backe
the Squadrons of our enemies,
and in thy name we shall con-
demne them, that rise vp against
the Lord: there is no difference
with thee, whether thou helpe in
few, or in many. Helpe vs, O Lord
our God: for hauing confidence
in thee, and in thy name we are
come against this multitude.
O Lord God of our fathers thou
God in heauen, and rulest ouer
all the kingdomes of Nations: in thy
hand is strength and might, neither
can any man resist thee. Verily
there is not so great force, as
be able to resist this multitude,
which cometh violently vpon
vs: but whereas we are ignorant
that we ought to doe, y^e we haue
only this left, that we direct our
eyes to thee. Lord we entreat
with teares, that according to
thy will, thou speedily shew mer-

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die towards vs: that as our heart
is troubled at the pride of our
enemies; so also we may glory
in our humilitie.

Judith
9.

Looke now vpon the campe
of our enemies; as heretofore thou
didst purchase to looke vpon the
campes of the Egyptians; when
they came armed afresh thy seruants
standing in their chariots; and
their horsemen; and in the mul-
titude of their combatants.

2. Ma-
cab 8.

thou didst looke vpon their camps
and darkenes weari'd them; the
depth held their feete; and the
waters ouerwhelmed them. The
Lord, let it likewise happen
to these; who trust in their arms
and in their chariots; and
in their shieldes; and in their
swords; and glorie in their lance
and know not that thou art
God, whose hande yett wailes for
the beginning; and Lord of the
name. For they trust in their weapons
and in their valour.

found in the holie Script. 171

our confidence is in thee, O Lord
omnipotent, who with one onely
blow, canst utterly defeat both
these that come against vs, and
the whole world.

Thou O Lord, who didst send 2 Ma.
thine Angel in the time of Eze. *chab. 15*
to slay King of Iuda, and didst kill
hundred eightie five thousand
in the campe of Sennacherib:
now likewise, O ruler of the hea-
uens, send thy good Angel before
us, in the feare and trembling
of the greatnes of thine arme:
that they may tremble, who with
blasphemie come against thy holy
people. I enclose this armie in the 2. Ma-
and of thy people: and let them *chab. 4.*
be confounded in their armie and
in their men. Give them foare, and I
defeat the audacitie of their
force, and let them be moved
to their destruction: subdue them
with the sword of thine hand: and
let all that know thy
name, praise thee in hymnes.

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A thankes-giving for the victorie.

CHAP. XLIX.

Judith
10.

BE GINNE ye to our Lord in
cymbrells, sing ye to our
Lord in cymbals: in praise to him
a new psalme, beioyce, and inue-
cate his name. Our Lord breas-
keth battels, Lord is his name.
Who hath pitched his campe in
the midst of his people, that he
might deliver vs from the hand of
our enemies. Let vs sing hymnes
to our Lord, let vs sing a new
hymne to our Lord. Adonai
Lord, great art thou, and noble
in thy power, and whom no man
can conquerre. Let all thy crea-
tures serue thee: for thou hast
said, and they were made: thou
hast sent thy spirit, and they were
created, and there is none that

found in the holie Script. 173

can resist thy voyce. O Lord, *Psal 139.*

Lord, the strength of our saluation; thou hast couered our head

in the day of battel. For we haue *Psal 43.*

not hoped in our bow, and our

sword hath not saued vs: for thou

hast saued vs from them that af-

flict vs, and hast confounded them

that hate vs. Thy right hand, O

Lord, is magnified in strength:

thy right hand hath stricken the

emie: and in the multitude of

thy glorie thou hast put downe

our aduersaries: thou hast sent

thy wrath, which hath deuoured

them like stubble. Who is like

to thee, O Lord, among the

mightie: who is like to thee, ma-

gnificent in sanctitie: terrible and

laudable, and doing miracles? O

Lord, my soule shall reioyce in

thee, and shall take delight in thy

saluation. All my bones shall

Lord, who is like to thee? deli-

uering the needie from the hand

of the in that are stronger then he:

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Exod.
15.

2. Ma-
chab. 1.

Pf. 135.

the needy and poore from them
that spoile him. Our Lord is my
strength and my praise, and is be-
come my saluation: he is my
God, and I will glorifie him; he
is the God of my father, and I will
exalt him. Being deliuered by
God out of great dangers, let vs
in solemne wise giue him thanks.
Confesse ye to our Lord, because
he is good, because his mercie is
for euer. For in our humiliation he
hath beene mindful of vs: because
his mercie is for euer: and hath
deliuered vs from our enemies, be-
cause his mercie is for euer.



*The prayer or complaint to God,
of such as are vanquished.*

C H A P. L.

Lamēt.
5.

REMEMBER, O Lord, what
is happoned to vs: see and

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consider our reproch. Our inheritance is turned to strangers, our houses to forainers. We are made orphans without father, our mothers are as it were widowes. Our water we haue drunke for money; our wood we haue bought for a price. Seruants do domineere ouer vs: neither is there any, that doth redeme vs out of thir hands. Our skinne is burnt as an ouen, by reason of the tempest of famine. They that did eat delicious *Throm* meates, are dead in the streetes: 4. those that were brought vp in scarlet, haue embraced excrements. Because our land is desolate, *Isa. 1.* our cities are burnt with fire: strangers deuoure our countrie euen before our face, and it is made desolate, as in the spoile of enemies. We are become a prey: *Ier. 2.* the lions haue roared vpon vs, and haue given their voyce: and our handes are growen feeble: tribu- *Ier. 6.* lion hath caught vs; sorowes

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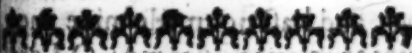
Ier. 3. as a woman in trael. We expected peace, and there was no good: a time of medicine, and behold feare.

Ier. 14. O Lord, we acknowledge our iniquities, and the iniquities of our fathers, because we have sinned against thee. Giue vs not into reproch for thy names sake: neither make vs the contumelie of the throne of thy glorie: call to mind, make not thy couenant with vs void. *Psal. 78* Helpe vs, O God

our Saviour: and for the glorie of thy name, O Lord, deliuer vs and for thy names sake be merciful to our finnes. Let this be notified in the Nations before our eies: the reuenge of thy seruants blood, which hath beene shed: let the groining of the fettered enter in thy sight: according to the greatnes of thine arme, possesse thou the children of them that haue beene slaine; and render to our neighbours reuenge

found in the holie Script. 177

in their bosome: their reproch
wherewith they haue reproched
thee, ô Lord. But we thy peo-
ple, and the sheepe of thy pa-
sture, will confesse to thee for
merit: we will preach thy praise
from one generation vnto an-
other.


*A thanks giuing for deliuerance
for any danger, or sickness.*

CHAP. LI.

I WILL loue thee, ô Lord, *psal. 17*
my strength: ô Lord, thou art
my firmament, and my refuge,
and my deliuerer. My God, thou
art my helper, and I will hope in
thee: thou art my protectour, and
my receiver. Thou hast sent from
on high, and taken me; and hast
deliuered me from my most strong
enemies, and from them that

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hated me, because they were more strong then I. They prevented me in the day of mine affliction, and thou, o Lord hast become my protectour: thou hast brought me into a large place: thou hast saued me, because thou

Psal. 19 wouldst me. I will exalt thee, o Lord, because thou hast received me, and hast not made mine enemies to reioyce ouer me. O Lord my God, I haue cried to thee, and thou hast healed me. Lord, thou hast brought my soule out of hell: thou hast saued me from them that descend into the lake. O Lord, thou hast heard me, and hast had pittie on me: thou hast become my helper. Thou hast changed my mourning into ioy: thou hast cut my sack-cloth, and hast circumscribed me with gladness: that my glorie may sing to thee, and I be not grieved: o Lord my God, I will confesse to thee for

Psal. 58 euer. My helper, I wil sing to

found in the holie Script. 179

thee, because thou art my re-
ceiuer: my God, my mercie.

For in thy manifold mercies *1. Esd. 9*

thou hast not quite consumed me,

neither hast thou forsaken me,

because thou art a God of com-

passion and pitie. Verily thou

art iust in all things that haue be-

fallen me: because thou hast done

truth, but I haue done wickedly:

Psal. 68

I am poore and sorowful, thy

saluation, O God, hath receiued

me: thou hast closed vp my

Ier. 30.

wound, and hast healed me of my

hurts. O Lord, thou art great for

Tob. 13.

ouer, and thy kingdome world

without end: because thou scour-

gest and sauest: ledest downe to

hell, and bringest back againe:

thou hast chastised me for mine

iniquities, and thou wilt saue me

for thy mercie. How many tri-

Pf. 70.

bulations hast thou shewed me,

many and euill: and turning thou

hast reuiued me, and hast brought

me back againe from the depths

of the dead.

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of the earth: thou hast multiplied
thy magnificence, and being rui-

Psal. 48 ned thou hast comforted me. He

the heavens and earth praise thee,
the sea and all the creeping

Psal. 9. beastes in them: thee, I say; who

didst lift me vp from the gates of

death, that I may sound forth thy

praises in the gates of the daughter

of Sion.

Psalm 9.

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found in the holie Script. 131

liuered my bodie from perdition,
and from the snare of an vniust
tongue, and from the lipps of
them that make lies, and in the
sight of them that stood vp, thou
art become my aider. And thou
hast deliuered me according to
the multitude of the mercie of thy
name from them that did roare,
prepared to deuoure: out of the
handes of them that seeke my
soule, and from many tribula-
tions, which haue environned me;
from the oppression of the flame,
which hath compassed me, and
in the midst of fire I was not
burnt: from the depth of the bellie
of hell, and from a defiled ton-
gue, and from the word of lying,
from a wicked King, and from
an vniust tongue. My soule shall
praise our Lord euen to death,
and my life was approaching to
hell beneth. They environned
me on euerie side, and there was
nothing that would helpe. I looked

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towards the helpe of men, and there was none. I remembered thy mercie, Lord, and thy workes, which are from the beginning of the world: because thou deliuerest them, that patiently expect thee, ô Lord, and sauest them out of the hands of Nations.

Thou hast exalted my habitation vpon earth, and I haue prayed for death, that passeth away. I haue inuocated our Lord, the father of my Lord, that he leaue me not in the day of my tribulations, and in the time of the proud without helpe. I will praise thy name continually, and will commend it in confession, and my prayer was heard. And thou hast deliuered me from perdition, and hast rescued me from the wicked time. Wherefore I will confesse, and say praise, and blesse the name of our Lord.

Tob. 8.

Lord God of our fathers, the Heauens and the earth, and the

found in the holie Script. 183

sea, and fountaines, and riuers,
and all thy creatures, that are in
them, blesse thee: because thou *Isa. 25.*
art a strength to the poore, a
strength to the needie in his tri-
bulation. I will remember thy *Isa. 63.*
mercies, ô Lord, thy praise for
all thing which thou hast giuen
me, according to thine indul-
gence, and according to the mul-
titude of thy mercies: for thou
hast sent from heauen, and de-
liuered me: thou hast giuen into *Psal. 36*
reproch them that trode vpon
me. My God, and my King, *Psal. 144.*
I will exalt thee: and will blesse
thy name for euer, and for euer
and euer.

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*A prayer to be said by one that
sicke, for the reuerie
of his health.*

CHAP. LIII.

Lnc. 18. **O** I E S V, sonne of David,
Psal. 6. haue mercie vpon me: haue
mercie vpon me, O Lord, because
Iob 10. I am sicke. My soule withereth
away within me, and the dayes of
Iob 16. affliction possesse me. My bones
are perced with sorowes by night,
and they that eate me, sleepe not.
My sorow hath oppressed me,
and all my limmes are brought to
nothing: my face is swollen with
weeping, and mine eie-liddes are
Psal. 72 growen dimme. My heart is in-
flamed, and my reines are chan-
ged, and I am brought to no-
Pf. 101. thing, and I knew it not. My
dayes are vanished away

found in the holie Script. 185

smoke, and my bones are growen
drie as a burnt fire-brand. I am
stricken as grasse, and my heart is
withered: because I haue forgotten
to eate my bread. I am growen faint *Psalm 38*
by the force of thy hand, in thy
reprehensions thou hast chastised
me for mine iniquitie, and thou
hast made my soule to pine away
as a spider: but stretch forth thy *Iob 14*
right hand to the worke of thy
handes, and pardon me my sinnes.
O Lord, thy handes haue made *Iob 10*
me, and framed me wholly round
about, and dost thou so suddenly
cast me downe headlong? Re-
member, I because thee, that
thou hast made me as clay, and
that thou wilt bring me againe
into dust. Hast thou not milked
me as milke, and curded me as
cheese? Thou hast clothed me with
skinne and flesh, and hast im-
pacted me with bones and sinewes:
thou hast giuen me life and mercie,
and thy visitation hath kept my
spirit.

Q. iij

Job 14.

The dayes of man are short,
 and the number of his monethes is
 with thee : thou hast appointed
 his limits, which cannot be passed.
 Withdraw then a little from him,
 that he may rest, vntil his desired
 day come, as that of a hyred man.
 A tree hath hope : if it be cut
 downe, it waxeth greene againe,
 and the bowghes thereof spring.
 Although its roote be old in the
 earth, and the trunke thereof
 be dead in the dust, yet at the
 sent of water it will spring, and
 bring forth leaues, as when it was
 first planted. But when man is
 dead, naked, and consumed,
 where is he, I pray? Euen as if
 the waters should depart out of
 the sea, and a riuer made em-
 ptie, should be dried vp: so man
 when he is asleepe, till heauen
 perish, he shall not awake, nor
 rise vp out of his sleepe. Suffer
 me therefore, that I may a little
 lament my sorow, before I goe,

Job 10.

found in the holie Script. 187

and returne not. Heale me, *o* *1er. 17.*
Lord, and I shall be healed: saue
me, and I shall be saued: because
thou art my praise: thou, I say, *Isa. 53.*
who hast beene wounded for our
iniquities, and bruised for our
sinnes. Haue mercie on me, *o* *Psalm. 9.*
Lord: and lift me vp from the
gates of death. Thou art a Phy- *Mat. 9.*
sician, thou art the true light, *Io. 1.*
thou art the life, *o* Iesus of Na- *Marc. 1.*
zareth. O Lord saue me, and we *Isa. 38.*
will sing our psalmes all the dayes
of our life in the house of our
Lord.



*To demand a happie departure out
of this life.*

CHAP. LIV.

O GOD, who art (alwayes) *Ps. 101.*
the selfe same, and whose
yeares do not faile: thou hast ap- *Iob 14.*

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- pointed to man (in this world) exceeding his limits, which cannot be passed: who commeth forth as a flower and is destroyed, and flourisheth as a shadow, and neuer abideth in the same state: whose dayes passe more swiftly, then the fall of webbe is cut of the weauer: whose generation is taken away, and he is wrapped together, as the tent of shepherds: and his yeares shall passe in the morning as an hearbe doth flourish in the morning and passe: and in the euening he doth fall, fade, and perish. Therefore little number of my dayes shall not shortly be ended? Wherefore
- Iob 7.* *Psal. 38.* *Iob 10.* *Psal. 38.*
- ô Lord, I beseech thee, make mine end known to me, and the number of my dayes what it is, that I may know what is wanting to that. Behold thou hast measured my dayes, and my substance is as nothing before thee: double Let

found in the holie Script. 189

worldly man liuing is meere vanitie.
And now what is my expectation?
as it not thou, o Lord? and my
substance is with thee: from all
mine iniquities deliuer me,
O Lord, make me to be mind- *Ecclesi.*
full of thee my Creator in the *12.*
days of my youth, before that
the time of affliction come, and
the yeares approch, of which I
shall say: They do not please me:
and before that the dust returne into
dust earth, from whence it pro-
ceeded: and the spirit returne to
God, that gaue it. Grant, that
I may prepare iustice for my selfe
before iudgement, and learne be-
fore I speake: that I take phy-
sicke before I am sick, and exa-
mine my selfe before iudgement,
to the end I may obtaine pardon
in thy sight, o my God: finally
that I may humble my selfe be-
fore I am infirme, and in time of
infirmite shew my conuersation. *Num.*
Let me die the death of the iust, *23.*

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and let my last departure be like
to theirs.

Psa. 113. Be mindful, O Lord of thy word
to thy servant, wherein thou hast
given me hope. Thou hast said

Isa. 43. Feare not, for I haue redeemed
thee, and called thee by thy name,
thou art mine. When thou shalt
passe through the waters, I will
be with thee, and the floods shall
not couer thee: when thou shalt
walke through fire, thou shalt
not be burnt, and the flame shall

Ier. 9. not scorch thee. Grant, that I
may doe good workes, whiles it
is day: for the night commeth,

Eccles. 4 when no man can worke. Grant

Eccles. 41 that I may strue and fight for
iustice euen vnto death, that I
may not feare the iudgement of

Prou. 14 death, because a iust man hath

Matth. hope in his death. Make me to

24. be a faithful and wise servant, ex

Luc. 12. pecting thee my Lord: to the

end, that when thou shalt come

and knock, I may immediatly

found in the holie Script. 191

open vnto thee: Grant finallie, *1. Tim.*
that before the time of my depar- *4.*
ture draweth neere, I may fight
a good fight, I may finish my
course, and may keepe the faith;
expecting a crowne of iustice,
which thou, o my Lord, and iust
Iudge, wilt at that day render to
me: and not to me alone, but to
all that loue thy comming.



*(A prayer to be said at the point
of death.)*

C H A P. L V.

BEHOLD, I this day enter *Ios. 23.*
into the way of all flesh: I *Iob 1.*
came naked out of the wombe of
my mother, and naked I shall re-
turne thither. My spirit is ex- *Iob 17.*
tenuated, my dayes are shortned,
and nothing remaineth for me but *Lam. 3.*
the grave. My steps faulter, mine

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- and draweth neere: my dayes are accomplished, because mine end
Psal. 30 is come. My life is decayed by
griefe, and mine yeares by gro-
nings: my strength is weaken-
ed by pouertie, and my bones are
Iob 30. troubled. My soule inwardly pre-
sseth away, and the dayes of af-
Isa. 13. fliction possesse me: my heart is
mortified and broken, and be-
Psal. 21 come as waxe melting. Take
Luc. 24 with vs, ô Lord, because it is
towards night, and the day (of
2. Ma- my life) is now farre spent. O
chab. 6. Lord, who hast the holy know-
ledge, thou knowest manifestly
that I sustaine great paines of bo-
die: neuerthelesse according to
the soule I endure these things
willingly, in regard of the fear
Luc. 2. which I haue of thee. Now, ô
Lord, permit thy seruant to de-
3. Reg. part in peace. It sufficeth me,
19 Lord, take my soule: for I am
not better then my fathers.
Teb. 7. Thou art iust, ô Lord, and

found in the holie Script. 193

thy iudgements are iust, and all
thy wayes are mercie, and truth,
and iudgement. And now, O Lord,
be mindful of me, and take not
revenge of my sinnes, neither call
to mind mine offenses, nor those
of my fore-fathers: for because
I have not obeyed thy comman-
dements, therefore I am deli-
uered to death. Doe with me not-
withstanding according to thy
will, and command that my spirit
may be receiued in peace.

What shall I doe, because my *Luc. 16.*
Lord taketh away from me the
office of economie: I know what
I will doe: I will make vnto me
friends of vniust riches: that when
I faile, they may receiue me into
the eternal tabernacles. Hauing
called all my debtors, I will for-
giue them their debts: and if I *Luc. 19.*
haue defrauded any man of any
thing, I will restore him fower
times asmuch. I will labour in *Psal. 6.*
fighting, I will euerie night wash my

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bed, and water my couch with my
teares. I wil say to thee, O my
God! Condemne me not: I wil
recount to thee all my yeares in
the bitternes of my soule. O Lord,
I commend my selfe to thee, in
whome I haue beleueed: for I
know whome I haue beleueed,
and am sure, that thou art able to
keepe my depositum vnto that
day. Into thy hands I commend
my spirit: thou hast redeemed
me, O Lord God of truth. Lord
Iesus, receiue my spirit: O Lord,
I haue hoped in thee, let me not
be confounded euerlastingly.



laculatorie prayers, taken out of the
Psalter: fit to be used at any time,
but especially when we feel
death approaching,

CHAP. LVI.

LORD rebuke me not in thy
furie, neither chastise me in
thy wrath. Haue mercie on me,
ô Lord, because I am weake;
heale me, Lord, because my
bones are troubled. And my soule
is troubled exceedingly: but thou
Lord, how long? Returne, ô
Lord, and deliuer my soule: saue
me for thy mercie.

Preserue me, ô Lord, because *Psal 124.*
I haue hoped in thee: let me
alw:ys see thee in my presence,
and at my right hand, to the end
I be not moued.

Incline thine ear to me; and *Pfal. 16*

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heare my wordes: make thy mercies mercifulous, who sauest them that hope in thee. Keepe me as the apple of the eye: vnder the shadow of thy wings protect me.

Psal. 21. O Lord, prolong not thy helpe from me: looke towards my defense.

Psal. 24 To thee O Lord, I haue lifted vp my soule: my God in thee is my confidence, let me not be confounded. Remember, O Lord, thy commiserations, and thy mercies, that are from the beginning of the world. Remember not the sinnes of my youth, nor mine ignorances. According to thy mercie, O Lord, be mindful of me, for thy goodnes. The tribulations of my heart are multiplied: deliuer me from my necessities. Behold my humiliation and my labour, and pardon me all my sinnes. Keepe my soule, and deliuer me: let me not be confounded, because I haue hoped in thee.

found in the holie Script. 197

Bethou my helper: do not forsake me, nor despise me, O God my Saviour. *Psal. 16*

Make thy face to shine vpon thy servant: haue me for thy mercie: Lord let me not be confounded, because I haue magnified thee. *Psal. 30*

O Lord, my whole desire is before thee: and my groining is not hid from thee: my heart is troubled, my strength hath forsaken me. Forsake me not, O Lord my God, depart not from me. Attend to my helpe, O Lord, the God of my saluation. *Psal. 37*

May it please thee, O Lord, to deliuer me: Lord, haue respect to helpe me. Thou art my helper and my protectour: my God, be not slacke. *Psal. 39*

Lord, haue mercie on me: heale my soule, because I haue sinned against thee. *Psal. 40*

Haue mercie on me, O Lord according to thy great mercie and *Psal. 50*

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according to the multitude of thy
commiserations take away mine
iniquitie. Turne away thy face
from my finnes, and deface all
mine iniquities. Create a cleane
heart in me, O God, and renew a
right spirit in my bowells.

Psal. 56

Haue mercie on me, O God,
haue mercie on me: because my
soule hath trusted in thee: and
will hope in the shadow of thy
wings.

Psal. 68

O Saue me, O God, because the
waters (of affliction) are entered
into my soule. In the multitude
of thy mercie heare me: in the
truth of thy saluation. Deliu-
er me out of the myre, that I stick
not fast: deliuer me from them
that hate me, and from the
deepe waters. Heare me, O Lord,
because thy mercie is benigne:
looke vpon me according to the
multitude of thy commiserations.
And turne not away thy face from
thy seruant: heare me speedily,

found in the holie Script. 199

because I am troubled: attend to
my soule, and deliuer it.

O God, intend vnto my helpe: *Psal. 69*

Lord, make hast to helpe me. O

God helpe me. Thou art my hel-

per, and deliuerer: O Lord, delay

not.

O Lord, I haue hoped in thee, *Psal. 70*

let me not be confounded euer-

lastingly: in thy iustice deliuer

me, and free me. Incline thine

care to me, and saue me. Be vnto

me for a God protector, and for

a fenced place, that thou maiest

saue me: for that thou art my

fortresse, and my refuge. O Lord,

thou art my patience: O Lord,

thou art my hope from my youth.

I haue bene confirmed in thee:

from the wombe; from the wombe

of my mother thou art my pro-

tektor. When my strength shall

faile me, do not forsake me. O

God, be not farre from me. My

God, haue respect to mine ayde.

Incline thine care, O Lord, and *Psal. 85*

200 *A hidden Treasure,*

heare me ; because I am poore
and needie. My God, saue thy
seruant, that putteth his trust in
thee. O Lord, haue mercie on
me, because I haue cried to thee
all the day. Make the soule of
thy seruant ioyful : because to
thee, O Lord, I haue lifted vp my
soule. Because thou, O Lord, art
sweet and milde, and of much
mercie, to all those that inuocate
thee. Loke vpon me, and haue
mercie on me. Shew some signe
of sauour towards me, to the end
that those that hate me, may see
it, and be ashamed : for that thou,
O Lord, hast aided me, and com-
forted me.

Psal. 88. How long, O Lord, dost thou
turne away for euer ? and shall
thy wrath burne as fire ? Remem-
ber what my substance is : hast
thou made all the children of
men in vaine ?

Ps. 88. Let thy mercie be done to com-
fort me, according to thy word

found in the holie Script. 201

unto thy seruant. Let thy com-
passions come to me, and I
shall liue. I am thine, saue me.
Thou art my helper and prote-
ctor: and vpon thy word I haue
much hoped. Receiue me accord-
ing to thy word, and I shall liue:
and confound me not of mine ex-
pectation. Helpe me, and I shall
be saued. Doe with thy seruant
according to thy mercie. Thy
mercies are many, O Lord; quic-
ken me according to thy iudge-
ment: I haue gone astray as a
lost sheepe: Lord, seeke thy
seruant.

O Lord, I haue cried to thee *Ps. 119*
from the depthes. Lord, heare my
voice: Let thine eares be atten-
tue, to the voice of my petition.
If thou marke our iniquities, O
Lord: Lord, who can sustaine it?
Because there is pardon with thee:
Lord, for thy law I haue expected
thee.

Lord, enter not into iudge. *Ps. 141*

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ment with thy servant: because no man living shall be justified in thy sight. Heare me quickly, o Lord: my spirit is growen faint. Turne not away thy face from me. Deliver me from mine enemies, o Lord, to thee I have fled: bring my soule out of tribulation.



*An other prayer at the point
of death.*

CHAPT. LVII.

Psal 45.

143 60.

6 70.

Iob 14.

6 10.

Pf. 118.

143 60.

O LORD Iesus Christ, my refuge, and strength; my helper and deliverer, my fortress, and my hope from my youth: to the worke of thy handes (to whome thou hast given life and mercie) reach forth thy right hand. Doe with thy servant according thy mercie, and receive

found in the holie Script. 203

me vnto good: who (dying vpon *Luc. 23.*
the crosse) hast receiued the
meefe. As a hired man expecteth
the end of his worke: *Iob 7.*
I expect thy saluation, O *Gen. 49.*
Lord. I haue done iudgement and
iustice, deliuer me not to them that
calumniate me. Behold heere the *Psal. 118.*
man, who going downe from Ie-
rusalem into Iericho, hath fallen
among theeues, and is wounded
and left halfe dead, I am that vn-
fortunate man. Thou (O most
merciful Samaritaine) vouchsafe
to be moued to compassion, and
binde vp my woundes: for *Isa. 1.*
from the sole of the foote, vnto
the toppe of the head there is no
health in me. Heale me, O Lord, *Ier. 17.*
and I shall be healed: saue me,
and I shall be saued. As the blinde *Luc. 18.*
man sitting neare the way: so, O
Lord, I cry to thee. Iesus, sonne
of David, haue mercie vpon me. *Psal. 118.*
Grant that I may see. Illuminate
mine eyes, that I sleepe not in
death.

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death at any time: least sometimes
mine enemy say: I have pre-
uailed against him.

Ps. 118.

Lec. 15

Ps. 102.

Ps. 78

Ps. 16

Ps. 30

Ps. 31

Ps. 50

Ps. 116

Ps. 108

I have gone astray as a lost
sheepe: seeke thy seruants: and
having found him, and laid
him upon thy shoulders, bring
him backe to thy pastures. Do
not doe to me according to my
sinnes, neither render to me ac-
cording to mine iniquities.
God my Saviour, helpe me,
for the glorie of thy name deli-
uer me. O Lord, heare my voyce
wherewith I have cried to thee:
haue mercie on me, and heare me.
Turne not away thy face from
me: depart not in anger (espe-
cially at this hower) from thy
seruant. Incline thine eare to me,
make haste to deliuer me out of
this vale of teares. Deale fauor-
ably, O Lord, in thy good
will, that I may dwell in thy house
the dayes of my life, and that
I may praise thee in the middle
of many.

Thou

found in the holie Script. 207

Thou, o Lord Iesus, who art Mediatour of the new Testament) hast ordained a testament with thine elect, saying: Aske, and it shall be given you: seeke, and you shall finde: knocke, and it shall be opened vnto you. Behold I aske, that I may receiue: seeke, that I may finde: knocke, that thou mayest open vnto me. O Lord, heare my prayer, and my petition: with thine eares receiue my teares: as thou didst heare the prayer, and see the teares of Ezechias King of Iuda, and hast cured him of his sickness. And as thou hast added aboue his dayes fiftie yeares: so adde (euē in this life, if it shall please thee) dayes aboue my dayes: and (in the life to come) yeares from generation to generation. Amen

Thou



*An other to be said for any one, that
is giving up the ghost.*

CHAP. LVIII.

Gen. 12. **G**O forth (O Christian soule)
out of the land and kindred
of this thy mortal bodie: and passe
into the land which our Lord will
Exo. 12. shew thee. Depart out of the
Egypt of this world, and enter
Exod. into that happie cuntry, which
floweth with milke and honie:
Isa. 60. where the least shall be multi-
plied into a thousand, and the
little one into a most strong
Pf 105. nation. Do not therefore esteeme
for naught that land, so much to
be desired: where thou shalt not
Ephes. 2. be (as heere) a stranger or for-
reiner, but a citizen with the
Saints, and the domestical
God: where, being free from

found in the holie Script. 207

emies, thou shalt sit in the *1sa. 32.*
beautie of peace: and as the holy
Ghost saith (if thou die in our *Apos.*
Lord) rest from thy labours. *14.*

With confidence therefore issue *Rom. 7.*
forth of the bodie of this death;
knowing, that if thy earthly house *1 Cor. 5*
of this habitation be dissolved,
thou shalt have a building of
God, a house not made with
hand, eternal in heaven. For
in this regard likewise, thou dost
goe, desiring to be overclo-
thed with thy habitation that is
from heaven: yet so that thou be
not clothed not naked; to the
end that that which is mortal, may
be swallowed vp by life.

In this thy journey which thou *Gm 36*
hast begun, let the Angels of
God come and meete thee,
and conduct thee into the hea-
venly Ierusalem. To day let thy *Psal. 71*
face be in peace, and thy ha-
bitation in Sion. Let not the *Psal. 134*
enemie in any sort presume against

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thee: nor the sonne of iniquity
Psal. 67 presume to hurt thee. Let God
cut downe thine enemies before
thy face, and put to flight those
that hate thee. Let God arise
and let thine enemies be dispersed,
and let them that hate thee
flee before thy face: as smoke
vanisheth, let them vanish away;
as waxe melteth at the pre-
sence of fire, so let them perish
at the presence of God: and let
the iust make merrie and reioyce
in the sight of God, and let them
Psal. 32 be delighted in mirth. Let Iesu
Christ deliuer thee from death,
2. Cor. 5. who hath died for all men. Let
8 ap. 3. him deliuer thee from the tor-
1. 19. 4. ment of death; who hath been
10. 10. a satisfaction for thy sinnes. Let
him, being the good shepheard,
acknowledge thee among his
Matt. 25 sheepe, and place thee at his
Gen. 32. right hand: let him admit thee to
Psal. 16. behold his face appatently: that
being satiated by the appatite

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his glorie (having received a Tim.
crown of iustice, which he vouch-
eth to bestow vpon thee this day)
thou mayest blisse, praise and
praise him for all eternitie. Amen.

CHAP. LIX

Lord God, who art
mercifull, and mercie, pa-
tient, and of much mercie, and
true: who onely hast importa-
tion, and dwellest in a light inac-
cessible. the God of Abraham,
the God of Isaac, and the God of
Jacob: who art God not of the
dead, but of the living: for all
that are in thy hand, and the
kingdom of death shall not touch
thee. Behoer not to be like the

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Pf. 142. soules, that confesse to thee; and
forget not for ever the soules of
thy poore. Enter not, o Lord,
into iudgement with thy seruants,
neither take reuenge of their
sinnes. Remember not their old
iniquities: let thy mercies quickly
giue them succour: because they
are become exceeding poore.
Mat 18. Lord, be moved with pittie
towards these thy seruants, re-
lease them, and forgive them
their debts. Deliuer them not,
o Lord, to the tormenters: vntill
they repay all the debts: for
they haue not wherewithall to
repay it.

Iob 9. For I know it is sounded and
and that man being compared
with thee, o God, cannot be iu-
stified: if he will contend with
thee, he cannot answere thee one
for a thousand: neither do we
prostrate our prayers before thy
face, trusting in our (or their)
iustifications, but in thy manifold

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encies. O Lord, heare vs: be
colled. O Lord: attend, and
Make thy face to shine vpon
thy seruants, Save them in thy
mercy: Lord let them not be
confounded: because they haue
intreated thee. If they passe
through the waters, be thou with
them: and let not the floods
ouerwhelme them, if they walke
in fire, let them not burne, and let
not the flame scorch them.

O Lord, deliuer the soules of
thy seruants, as thou hast deli-
uered Noe from the waters of
the deluge: as thou hast deli-
uered Abraham from V^c of the
Chaldees: Moyses from the hand
of Pharaos King of the Egyptians:
Daniel from the denne of the
Lions: Lot from Sodome, and the
time of fire: and the three chil-
dren for the fierie furnace of Ne-
buchodonosor. Susanna from the
false accusation: David from the
hand of Goliath, and from the



Psal 39 hand of King Saul. May it please thee, O Lord, to deliver them: Lord

Pf. 141 have respect to help them. Bring them forth of prison, to confess

Pf. 105 vnto thy name: visit them in thy
Ps. 105 saluation: make them ioyful in

Pf. 105 gladnes with thy countenance: to see in the goodnes of thine elect, to

reioyce in the ioy of thy nation: that thou maiest be praised with

Psal. 43 thine inheritance. Permit them to passe into the place of a marua-

Pf. 105 lous tabernacle, euen to thy house, O God, in the voyce of exultation

Isa 31 and confession. Let them come (say) into Sion with praise: and let

euermlasting ioy be vpon their head: let them obtaine ioy and gladnes:

and let sorrow and mourning be away. Gouverne them (O Lamb of

God) and conduct them to the living fountaines of waters, and

wipe away all teares from their eyes.



The end of the first Part.

THE SECOND

PART

OF THE HIDDEN

TREASURE, NEWLY

found in our Lord's field; con-
taining Meditations and Exhorta-
tions.

*A Meditation of the eternitie of God
and of the breuitie and incertaintie
of this life.*

CHAP. I.

BEHOOLD O God
thou art great, sur-
mounting our know-
ledge: the number of
thy yeares is inesti-
mable; who dost call the genera-

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- Isa. 43.* tions from the beginning. There was no God formed before thee, neither shall there be any after thee. Thou art Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end: high, and eminent, inhabiting eternitie. *Dan. 7.* being the ancient of dayes. Before the mountaines were made, or the earth, and the world; from everlasting even into everlasting thou art God: for a thousand yeares before thine eies, are as yesterday, that is past. All our dayes faile, and our yeares being considered *Pf. 101.* are as a spyder. In the beginning, O Lord, thou hast founded the earth, and the heauens are the workes of thy handes. They shall perish, but thou art permanent: and they shall waxe as a garment: and thou shalt change them as a couered, and they shall be changed: but thou art the selfe same, and thy yeares shall not faile. Thy seat is pre-

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ured from that time, thou art
Therelasting. Because thou art the *Dan. 6.*
ing and eternal God for euer
and thy kingdome shall not be
dissipated, and thy power shall
eternally endure. *102*
But we came yesterday, and to *2. Reg.*
ay we are forced to depart: for *15.*
ly we are but as it were of *Iob 8.*
esterday and pilgrims: we are, *1. Par.*
ay, strangers and pilgrims with *19.*
et. O Lord, euen as all our
where. Our dayes are as a sha-
dow vpon the earth, and there
is no abiding. For behold the *Iob 6.*
short yeares passe away, and we
walke the path, by the which we
shall not returne; we know not *Iob 12.*
how long we shall continue, and
whither after a while our maker
will take vs away. For man *Eccles 9*
knoweth not his owne end; but
as fishes are taken with the hooke,
and as birds are caught with the
snare: so men are taken in the
evil time, when it shall sodainly

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Mat. 14 come vpon them. For if the good
man of the house did know,

what hower the theefe would
come, he would surely watch
and would not suffer his house to
be broken vp. We know not

Ier. 4. what will be to morow. For what
is our life? It is a vapour appea-
ring for a little while, and af-
terwards vanisheth away. The

Gen. 47 dayes of our pilgrymage are few
and this fewnes of our dayes

Iob 10. shall shortly be ended. Suffer
therefore (O Lord) that we may
a little lament our sorow, before

Psal. 38 we goe, and returne not. Pardon
vs that we may be refreshed be-
fore we depart, and shall be no
more.

For man Enleth
will take vs away. For man Enleth
knoweth not his owne end; but
fishes are caught with the hook,
as birds are caught with the
fowler: so men are taken in the
ill time, when it shall suddenly



Of the surpassing great power of God.

CHAPT. II.

O GOD, who in the begin- *Gen 1.*
ning hast created heaven *Gen 2.*
and earth, and hast finished them
with all their ornaments. Thou *Isa 48.*
art the first and the last. The day *Psal 73.*
thou thinkest: thou hast made the mor-
ning and the sunne: thou hast
made all the limits of the earth:
thou hast created the summer and
the winter. O Lord God of *Psal 88.*
hostes, who is like to thee?
Thou, O Lord, art mightie, and
thy truth is round about thee.
Thou rulest ouer the power of the
sea: and dost appease the
roaring of the waues thereof. *Psal 94.*
O Lord, thou hast done all things
whatsoever thou wouldest, in
heaven, in earth, in the sea, and

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Pf. 146. in all the depthes: who couereth the heauen with cloudes: and preparest raine for the earth: who bringest forth grasse in the mountaines, and hearbe for the seruice of men.

Mars. Abba, Father, all things are possible to thee: who hast made the world of inuisible matter: for great power doth remaine to thee alone, and who shall resist the strength of thine arme? Because the round world is before thee as the least weight of the balance, and as a drop of dew, that falleth

Sap. 12. on the earth before day. For who shall say to thee: What hast thou done? or who shall stand against thy iudgemēt? or who shall come in thy sight, as a reuenger of wicked men? or who shall reproch thee, if the nations perish, which thou hast made

Isa 50. By thy rebuke, thou wilt make the sea desert, thou wilt turne the floodes into drie land: the

lines shall rot without water,
and die for thirst: thou wilt cloth
the heauens with darkenes, and
wilt make sack-cloth their co-
uering.

O Lord, thou art the true God, *Ier. 10. 1*
thou art the living God, and
the King euerlasting: the earth
shall be moued at thine indigna-
tion, and the Gentiles shal not
sustaine thy threatning. Who
maketh the earth by thy strenght,
preparest the world by thy wise-
dome, and by thy prudence stre-
ngthest out the heauens. By thy
voice thou givest abundance of
waters to the heauens, and dost
separate the clowdes from the
ends of the earth: thou turnest
the lightning into raine, and
bringest forth the wind out of thy
treasure. Behold heauen, and the *Ecc. 1. 10*
heauens of heauens, the depth,
and all the earth, and the things
that are in them, in thy sight
shall be moued: the mountaines

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likewise, and the little hilles; and the foundations of the earth, when thou (ô God) shalt behold them, they shall be shaken with trembling. For who shall stand before the face of thine indignation? and who shall resist in the wrath of thy furie?

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Eccli. 8

Who is sufficient to declare thy workes? for who shall search out thy mannailes? and who shall declare the power of thy greatness? Who hast measured the waters with the palme of thy hand, and hast weighed the heavens with a spanne. Who hast poised the huge greatness of the earth with three fingers, and weighed the mountaines in weight, and the little hilles in balance. Behold the Nations are as a bucket, and are reputed as the moment of a balance: behold the Ilands are as a little dust. All nations, as if they were not, so are they before thee, and are reputed of thee as

Isa. 40

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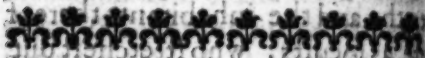
nothing, and as a vaine thing. Who
stretchest vpon the compasse of the
earth, and the inhabitants thereof
as locusts: who stretchest out
the heauens as nothing, and
spreadest them as a tent to dwell
in. Thou art higher then heauen, *Iob 11.*
and what shall I doe? deeper
then hell, and how shall I know?

Thy measure is longer then the
earth, and broder then the sea.
There is no wisdom, there is no
prudence, there is no counsel
against thee, o God. *Pro. 21.*

Wherefore I blesse thee, o most
oueraine Lord, and praise thee,
who livest for euer, and glorifie
thee, because thy power is an
euerlasting power, and thy king-
dome is from generation to gene-
ration: and all the inhabitants of
the earth with thee are reputed
for nothing: for thou doest ac-
cording to thy will, as well in the
powers of heauen, as in the inha-
bitants of the earth, and there

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is none, that can resist thy hand.



*Of the infinite goodnes, and mercie
of God.*

CHAP. III.

8 ap. 12.

O How good, and sweet
is thy spirit, o Lord, in all
things: and therefore thou dost
chastise by parts, those that erre,
and dost admonish and speake to
them, touching the things wherein
they sinne: that setting vice
aside, they may beleue in thee,
o Lord. Thou hast pittie of all,
because thou canst doe all things,
and dost as it were winke at the
sinnes of men for repentance.
For thou louest all things that are,
and hatest nothing of those which
thou hast made: for thou didst
not ordaine or make any thing,
hating it. For how could any

8 ap. 11.

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thing persist, ynesse thou wouldest: or be preserved, which was not called by thee? But thou sparest all; because they are thine, O Lord, who louest soules.

But thou, O our God art sweet, Sap. 1. 5. and true, and patient, and disposing all things in mercie. For if

we sinne, we are thine, knowing thy greatnes: and if we sinne not, we know that we are counted with thee. What God is like to

thee, who takest away iniquitie, Michy. and passest over the sinne of the remnant of thine inheritance?

O Lord God of Israel, there is 2. Par. no God like to thee in heaven, and in earth: who keepest covenant and mercie with thy seruants, that walke before thee in all their heart.

Thou hast said: I will not Ezech. the death of the impious, but that the impious conuert from his way,

and liue. Because thou, O Lord, Lam. wilt not reiect for euer: but if thou reiect, thou wilt also haue

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Eccli. 2. mercie, according to the multitude of thy mercies. For who is he that hath continued in thy commandments; and hath bene forsaken: or who hath called vpon thee and hath bene cōtēmed by thee? Because thou, O God, art pittifull, and mercifull; and dost pardon sinnes in the day of tribulation; and art a protectour to all that seeke thee in truth.

Ps. 145. O Lord, thou art sweet to all thy mercies; and about all thy workes being beneficial from heauen, giving raine and fruitful seasons; filling our hearts with foode and gladnes. O Lord, thou holdest vp all that stumbl; and liftest vp all that fall; thou healest the contrite of hearts, and bindest vp their wounds: dost iudgement to the pupill and the widow; lovest the stranger; and givest him foode and attire. Let the impious forsake his way; and the vniust man his cogitations; and let

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made to thee, O Lord: and thou
wilt haue mercie on him, because
thou art bountiful in forgiving:
neither wouldest thou haue
soules to perish: but dost againe
and againe reflect; to the end
that he that is reiected, may not
become altogether an abiect.

Verily, O God, thou hast made
evident thy charitie towards vs, in
that when as yee we were sinners,
Christ hath died for vs. (Thou
say, O God, who art rich in
mercie, by thy surpassing great
charitie, wherewith thou hast
loved vs: euen when we were
dead by sinne: hast quickned vs
together in Christ (by whose
grace we are saued) and hast
raised vs up with him, and hast
made vs sit with him in the cele-
stial places in Christ Iesus: that
thou mightest shew in the suc-
ceeding ages, the aboundant riches
of thy grace, by thy bountie
towards vs in Christ Iesus. O what

2. Reg.

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Rom. 5.

Ephes. 2.

1. Cor. 15.

1. Jo. 3.

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manner of charitie is this, O Father; which thou hast giuen vs, that we should be named, and be thy children!

Isa. 63. I will remember thy mercies, O Lord, and thy praise for all things, which thou hast rendred to vs, and for the multitude of good things, which thou hast giuen vs, according to thine indulgence, and according to the multitude of thy mercies. Lord God

Tob. 4 of our Fathers, the heauens, and the earth, and the sea, and fountaines, and riuers, and all thy creatures that are in them, blesse thee. My soule, blesse thou our Lord, and all things that are within me, his holie name: my soule blesse thou our Lord, and forget not all his retributions: who pardoneth all thine iniquities, who healeth all thine infirmities: who redeemeth thy life from deadly falling: who crowneth thee in mercie and cōmiserations.



Of God's iustice and equitie.

C H A P. I V.

O LORD God, most strong, *Ier. 32.*
great, and mightie, the
Lord of hostes is thy name: great
in counsel, and incomprehensible
in cogitation: whose eyes are open
upon all the wayes of the children
of Adam, to render to euerie one
according to his wayes, and ac-
cording to the fruite of his inuen-
tions. For there is no other God *Sap. 18.*
but thou, who hast care of all:
that thou mayest shew, that thou
dost not giue iudgement vniustly.
Neither is there any king or
tyrant, that durst in thy sight en-
quire of them, whome thou hast
destroyed. S. thence therefore
thou art iust, thou dost dispose all
things iustly: and dost esteeme it
disagreeable from thy power, to

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- Ezech.*
18. condemne him, that ought not be punished. The sould that shall sinne, the same shall die: the sonne shall not beare the iniquitie of the Father, and the Father shall not beare the iniquitie of the sonne: the iustice of the iust shall be vpon him, and the impietie of the impious shall be vpon him. O God, thy workes are perfect, and all thy wayes iudgements: thou art faithfull, and without any iniquitie, iust and right. O Lord our God, thou art the God of gods, and the Lord of Lords: a great God, and mightie, and terrible, who acceptest neither person, nor gifts.
- Deut.*
32. Thou sparest no mans person, neither dost thou feare the greatnes of any man: because thou hast made the little and the great, and hast equally care of all.
- Deut.*
10. O Lord, thou art Iudge, neither dost thou respect any mans person. Thou wilt not accept the per-
- Sap* 6. son.
- Eccles.* 35

found in the holie Script. 225

me against the poore, but wilt
heare the prayer of him that is
wronged: thou wilt not despise
the prayers of the orphant: nor
the widow, if shee powre forth
her complaint: because thou art *Psal 67*
the father of orphants, and the
iudge of widowes. Do not the *Eccle 37*
widowe's teares runne downe her
cheekes: and is not her crie ypon
him, that causeth them to runne?
Certainly they mount vp from
bet cheekes euen to heauen: and
thou, O Lord, the hearer, wilt
not be delighted in them: neither
wilt thou be long, but wilt re-
venge the iust, and doe iudge-
ment, vntil thou reward men ac-
cording to their doings.

Great and maruailous are thy *Apo. 15*
workes, Lord God omnipotent:
iust and true are thy wayes, O
King of the worldes. Who will
not feare thee, O Lord, and ma-
gnifie thy name? because thou
only art holie: and therefore all

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nations shall come, and adore in thy sight, because thy iudgements be euident.



Of the dreadful iudgements of God.

CHAP. V.

Sap 17. **V**ERILY, ô Lord, thy iudgements, are great, and thy
Psal 35. wordes cannot be expresse: thy
iudgements are a great depth.
Psal. 75 Thou art terrible, and who shall
65. resist thee? Terrible in thy
counsels ouer the children of
men: terrible, and he that ta-
keth away the spirit of Princes,
terrible to the Kings of the earth.
Psal 89 Who knoweth the power of thy
1 Reg. wrath? or for feare can recompe
16. thine anger? Certes, thou dost
not iudge according to the lookes
of man: for man seeth that which
is apparent, but thou, ô Lord,

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Beholdest the heart. Not without *Iob 9.*
iust cause therefore do I feare all
my woikes, knowing, that thou
dost not spare the offender. Nei-
ther am I to answere a man, that
is like to my selfe: nor that may
be heard with me equally in iud-
gement. Thou art wise of heart,
and strong of force: who hath
resisted thee, and hath had peace?
If thou aske sodainly, who shall
answere thee: or who can say:
Why doest thou so? Wherefore
although I haue any iust thing,
yet I will not answere, but will
beseech thee my iudge. For if
there be question of strength, thou
art most strong: if equitie of
iudgement, no man doth dare to
give testimonie for me. Thou
art God, whose wrath no man
can resist, and vnder whome they
croupe, that sustaine the world.
How great then am I, that I
may answere thee, and speake
with my wordes to thee? O depth *Rom. xi.*

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- of the riches of thy wisdom,
and of thy knowledge, O God!
How incomprehensible are thy
iudgements, and thy wayes vnsearch-
cheable! For who hath known
Prou. 16 thy mind, O Lord, or who hath
beene thy counsellor? All the wayes
of men are open to thine eyes: and
Eccli. 16 thou, O Lord, art the weigher of
spirits. Euerie heart is vnderstood
by thee: but thy wayes who doth
vnderstand, and the storme, which
neither the eye of man shall see.
For many of thy workes are in
secret: namely who shall declare
Iob 26. the workes of thy iustice, or who
shall sustaine them? He is naked
Ps. 118. before thee, and there is no couert
to perdition. Perce my flesh with
thy feare: for I am affraid of thy
iudgements.



That God at all times doth see and
consider our actions and intentions.

CHAPT. VI.

I WILL stand vpon my garde, *Habac.*
and fixe my steppē vpon the²
forteresse: and I will contemplate,
to see what may be said to me,
and what I may answere to him,
that argueth against me: be- *1. Reg. 2*
cause thou, O Lord, art the God
of all knowledge, and our cogi-
tations are prepared for thee: be- *2. Par 6*
cause thou onely knowest the
hearts of the children of men.
Thou knowest vs all: neither is it *Is. 2.*
needfull for thee that any giue testi-
fimonie of man: for thou knowest
what is in man. Thou wilt not *Is. 11.*
iudge according to the sight of the
eyes, nor rebuke according to
the hearing of the eares: thou,

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Prou. 5. O Lord, beholdest man's wayes,
and considerest all his steppes:

Cant. 2 thou standest behind our wall, looking
through the windowes, looking
forth by the grates.

Eccli. 39. Before thee, O Lord, are the
workes of all flesh, and there is
nothing hidden from thine eies:
thou seest from world to world,
and nothing is meruailous in thy

Eccli. 41. sight: For thou knowest all
knowledge, and dost behold the
signe of age: declaring what
things are past, and what are to
come, revealing the tokens of
secret things. No thought can
escape thee, neither is any word

Eccli. 43. hidden from thee. Thine eies,
O Lord, are much more bright
then the sunne, beholding round
about all the wayes of man, and
the bottome of the depth, and
the hearts of men, looking into the
hidden parts: for all things were
knownen to thee, O Lord God,
before they were created: and so

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in like sort thou seest all things,
after they are perfected: and there
is no creature inuisible to thy
sight; but all things are naked
and open to thine eies, to whome
our speech is. Let vs therefore *Ier. 23.*
returne, euerie one from his euil
way, and from his most wicked
cogitations. Let vs consider our *Lamē.*
wayes and search into them, 3.
and returne to our Lord: let vs
lift vp our hearts with our
handsto our Lord, into the hea-
uens..



*That the excellencie of the Creator
doth appeare in his creatures.*

C H A P. V L L.

TH E heauens recount the *psalms*
glorie of God, and the fir-
mament declareth the workes of
his hands; day vnto day vttereth

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word, and night vnto night
sheweth knowledge. There are
no languages nor speeches, whose
voyces are not heard. Their sound
hath gone forth into all the earth,
and their wordes vnto the endes

Psal 95 of the round world. Howbeit our

Ps 73 Lord made the heauens: he
made the morning and the sunne.

Psal 144 Let all thy workes, ô Lord, con-
fesse to thee: and let thy Saints
blesse thee: let them tell the
glorie of thy kingdome, and re-

Apoc 1 count thy power: and let euerie
creature that is in heauen, and vp-
on the earth, and vnder the earth,
and that are in the sea, and all
things that are comprehended in
them; let them all say: To him
that sitteth on the throne, and to
the Lambe; be praise, and ho-
nour, and glorie, and power for
euer and euer.

Job 12

For aske the very beastes and
they will teach thee; and the fowles
of the ayre, and they will tell

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thee: speake to the earth, and it
will answer thee, and to the fishes
of the sea, and they will say: He *Psal 99*
made vs and not we our selues:
for who is ignorant, that the hand *Iob 12.*
of our Lord made all these things?
Because he said, and they were *Psal 148.*
made, he commanded, and they
were created: he hath established
them for euer, and for euer and
euer: he hath put a precept, and
it shall not passe. Hence I haue *Psal 134.*
known, that our Lord is great,
and our God aboue all gods.

But all men are vaine, in whome *Sap. 15.*
there is not the knowledge of
God: and who could not vnder-
stand him that is, from these good
things, which are scene: and by
considering the workes, haue not
acknowledged the worke-man:
but haue thought either the fire,
or the wind, or the swift ayre, or
a circle of starres, or exceeding
much water, or the sunne, or the
moone, to be gods and gouer-

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nours of the world. Howbeit if being delighted with the beautie of these, they thought them gods: let them know how much the Lord of them is more beautiful then they: for the auctor of beautie made all these things. Or if they merueiled at their vertue and operations, they ought to vnderstand by them, that he which made these, is stronger then they: for by the greatnes of the beautie of the creature, the Creator of them may be seene, to be knowne thereby. For his intuisible things are seene from the creation of the world, being vnderstood by these things that are made: his eternal power also and Diuinitie: so that they are inexcusable, who haue changed the glorie of the incorruptible God, into a similitude of the image of a corruptible man, and of foules and fower-footed beastes, and of them that creepe: who haue, I say,

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changed the veritie of God into
lying: and haue worshipped and
serued the creature rather then the
Creator: who is blessed for euer.
Amen.



Iesus Christ comforteth his Church.

CHAP. VIII.

IERUSALEM, put of thy robe *Baruch*
of mourning, and of thy vexa-
tion: and put on the beautie, and
honour of that euerlasting glorie,
which thou hast from me, thy
God. I will cloth thee with the
double-robe of iustice, and will
put vpon thy head the mytre of
perpetual honour. For I thy God
will shew in thee my brightnes,
which is vnder heauen. For I will
name thee for a name euerla-
stingly: The peace of iustice and
honour of pietie. Arise Ieru-

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Isa. 51. *salem, and stand on high: and looke round about thee towards the east, and see thy children gathered together from the rising of the sunne to the going downe, in the worde of the Holie reioycing at the memorie of God: and their soule shall be as a watered garden, and they shall be hungry no more.*

Isa. 49. *For behold I will lift vp my hand to the Gentiles, and will exalt my signe to the peoples: and they shall carie thy sonnes in their armes, and thy daughters vpon their shoulders. And Kings shall be thy nourcing fathers, and queenes thy nources. They shall adore thee with countenance cast downe towards the ground, and they shall lick vp the dust of thy feet.*

Isa. 60. *For behold darkenes shall couer the earth, and a mist the peoples: but I thy Lord will shine vpon thee, and my glorie shall be seene ouer thee: and the Gentiles shall*

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shall walke in thy light, and kings
in the brightnes of thy rising. For *Ier. 31.*
I haue loued thee with a perpe-
tual charitie, and therefore ha-
ving pittie of thee I haue drawen
thee: and I will espouse thee to
me for euer: and I will espouse *Ose. 2.*
thee to me in iustice, and in iudge-
ment, and in mercie, and in com-
miserations: and I will espouse
thee to me in faith, and thou shalt
know that I am the Lord,

And I will make a couenant *Ier. 31.*
with thy children; giuing my
law in their bowells, and wri-
ting it in their heart: and I
will be their God, and they
shall be my people. And as I haue
watched ouer them to pluck them
up, and to deface, and to dis-
perse, and to destroy, and to af-
flict them: so I will watch ouer
them, to build, and to plant them:
and I will change their mour-
ning into ioy, and will comfort
them, and make them ioyful from

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their sorow. I will likewise replenish the soule of the Priestes with fatnes: and my people shall be filled with my good things: because I wil inebriate the wearie soule, and will satiate euerie hungrie soule. And you shall know, that I am in the midst of you, and that I am the Lord your God, and there is none besides: and my people shall not be confounded for euer. And behold I am with you alwayes, euen to the end of the world.

Ios. 2.

Mat 18



As othier of the same matter.

CHAP. IX.

Zach 2.

PR A I S E, and reioyce, O daughter of Sion: for behold I (thy Lord God) will come, and dwel in the midst of thee. Enlarge the place of thy tent, and stretch out the skinnnes of thy tab

Isa 54.

found in the holie Script. 243

bernacles, spare not: make long
thy cordes, and fasten thy nailes.
For thou shalt penetrate to the
right hand, and to the left: and
thy seed shall inherite the Gen-
tiles, and inhabite the desolate
cities. Feare not, because thou
shalt not be confounded, nor blush,
neither shalt thou be ashamed,
because thou shalt forget the con-
fusion of thy youth, and shalt
remember no more the reproch
of thy widow-hood. Because I
that haue made thee will ruse
ouer thee, the Lord of hostes is
my name: and I thy Redeemer,
the holie one of Israel, will be
called the God of all the earth.
For a little while, as it were for
a moment I haue forsaken thee,
and in great mercies I will assem-
ble thee. In a moment of indi-
gnation I haue for a little while
hid my face from thee, and in
mercie everlasting I haue had
mercie on thee. This is to me

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as in the dayes of Noé, to whome
I sware, that I would no more
bring in the waters of the deluge
vpon the earth; euen so I haue
sworne not to be angrie with
thee, nor to rebuke thee. For
the mountaines shall be moued,
and the little hilles shall tremble;
but my mercie shall not depart
from thee, and the couenant of
my peace shalt not be moued.
Poore little one, shaken with
tempest, void of all comfort: be-
hold I will lay thy stones in order,
and will found thee in sapphires;
and wil put the iasper stone for
thy munitions; and thy gates
shall be of grauen stones, and all
thy borders of stones worthy to
be desired. All thy children
shal be taught by me their Lord;
on whome I will bestow aboun-
dance of peace: and all nations
shall call you blessed: for you
shall be a land, worthy to be de-
sired.

Malac.

3:

found in the holic Scriptures. 245

Reioyce with Ierusalem, and *Isa. 66.*

be ioyful in her, all ye that loue
her: ye that mourne over her, re-
ioyce with her in gladnes: to the
end you may sucke, and be filled
of the breast of her consolation:
that you may milke and flow
with delights in all manner of her
glorie. For behold I will decline
upon her (as it were a flood of
peace, and as a torrent over-
flowing) the glorie of the Gen-
tiles, which you shall sucke: you
shall be carried at the pappes,
and they shall sweetly dandle you
on their lappes. Euen as a mother
will to flatter her little one; so
will I comfort you, and you shall
be comforted in Ierusalem. You
shall see, and your heart shall re-
ioyce, and your bones shall spring
as an herbe. I will not leaue you
orphants: I will come to you.
And I will aske the Father, and
he will giue you an other com-
forter, to abide with you for euer:

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the spirit of truth, whome the world cannot receiue. Peace I leaue you, my peace I giue you: not as the world giueth do I giue to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither be affraid. You belecue in God, beleue also in me. In my fathers house there are many mansions: if not, I would haue told you, because I goe to prepare a place for you: and if I goe, and prepare a place for you, I will returne againe, and receiue you to my selfe; that where I am, you also may be: and (as I haue said) your heart shall reioyce, and no man shall deprive you of your ioy.

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The lamentation of the most blessed
Virgin, for the passion
of her sonne.

CHAP. IX.

O ALL ye that passe by the way,
way, attend, and see if
there be sorow like to my sorow:
because our Lord hath vintaged
me, he hath made me desolate,
all the day consumed with griefe:
my heart is ouerturned in my
self, because I am full of bitterness.
I sigh, and there is none to com-
fort me: all mine enemies haue
heard mine euil, and reioyce at
it: for my sighings are many, and
my heart is sorowfull. Mine eyes
haue failed for teares, my bowells
are troubled: my liuer is powred
out on the earth: I shed teares
as a torrent day and night, and

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giue no rest to my selfe; I powred
out my heart as water before the
sight of our Lord: for as the sea
(according to my name) so

Lamēt. my contrition. Mine eies have
shed streames of waters: mine

Can. 7 eies are as the fish-pooles of He-
sebon, which are in the gate of the

Lamēt. daughter of the multitude. Wee-
ping I haue wept in the night, and
my teares are on my cheekes: of
all my friends there is none to
comfort me.

Baruch God (the Father) hath brought
me great lamentation: he hath
Job 9. spoiled me of my glorie, and hath
taken the crowne from my head.

Ruth. 1. he hath bereaued me of my sonne;

Gen. 30 he hath depriued me of the fruit

Isa. 53. of my wombe: for the sinnes of
his people he hath stricken him.

Le. 3. For God hath so loued the world,
that he hath not spared his owne

Rom 8 sonne, but hath giuen him for
vs all.

2. Reg. 1. O Iesus, my sonne, exceeding

found in the holie Scriptures. 249

beautiful and amiable aboue the
loue of woemē, I am sorie for thee.
As the mother loueth her onely
sonne, so did I loue thee. *Woe, Tob. 16*
woe is me my sonne, the light of
mine eies: My God, my God, *Mat. 23*
why hast thou forsaken me? Thou, *Tob. 10.*
I say, who art the staffe of mine
old age, and the comfort of my
life: in thee alone I had all things.
How hast thou fallen being so *1. Ma-*
mightie and powerful, who hast *chab. 9.*
sued the people of Israel. *I Isa 53.*
I know full well, that the disci-
pline of our peace hath beene
vpon thee, and that we are healed
by thy wounds: and yet I cannot *Zach.*
but lament thee with lamenta- *12.*
tion, as vpon mine onely begotten
sonne, and to mourne for thee,
as is the custome to mourne at
the death of the first begotten. *O 2 Reg.*
my sonne Iesus: Iesus my sonne! *13.*
Who will grant me, that I may
die for thee? Iesus my sonne, my
sonne Iesus.



*The praise of the feare of God: and
the fruits thereof.*

CHAP. XI.

BLESS'D is the man,
whome it is giuen to haue the
feare of God. How great is
that findeth wisdom and know-
ledge; but yet he is not about him
that feareth our Lord: the feare
of God setteth it selfe aboue
things, riches and strength exalt the
heart: and aboue these is the feare
of our Lord. There is no dimi-
nution in the feare of our Lord, and
in it there is no need to seeke for
holpe: the feare of our Lord is a
paradise of blessing, and they haue
couered it aboue all glorie. The
feare of our Lord is glorie, and
glorification, and ioy, and a crown
of exultation. The feare of our

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Lord shall delight the heart, and
shall giue ioy and gladnes in
length of dayes. With him that
feareth our Lord it shall be well
at the later end, and in the day of
his death he shall be blessed. The
fear of our Lord expelleth sinne:
for he that is without feare can
not be iustified. They that feare
our Lord will prepare their hearts, *Ecclesi. 2.*
and in his sight will sanctifie their
doings. They that feare our Lord,
keepe his commandements, and
shall haue patience, euen vntil his
death, saying: If we doe not pe-
nitence, we shall fall into the hands
of our Lord, and not into the
hands of men. Howbeit it is a *Heb. 10*
terrible thing (as the Apostle
affirme) to fall into the
hands of the liuing God. He *Ecclesi. 36*
that feareth our Lord shall trem-
ble at nothing, and shall not
be ashamed: because he is his hope:
his soule is blessed, that feareth
our Lord: our Lord is well pleased *Ps. 146.*

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towards them that feare him: and
in them that hope in his mercie.

Prov. 9. The feare of our Lord is the be-
ginning of wisdom: and the
science of the Saints, prudence.

Pro. 10. The feare of our Lord addeth
dayes: but the yeares of the

Pro. 12. impious shall be shortned. Bles-
sed is the man that is alwayes
feareful: but he that is of an ob-
stinate mind, shall fall into euil.

Pf. 144. Our Lord will doe the will of
them, that feare him: and will
heare their prayer, and saue them.

Malac. 4. To you that feare my name

& saith the Lord God of hosts,
the sunne of iustice shall rise, and
health shall be in his wings: and

you shall goe forth, and leape
as calves of the heard: and you shall

walke wpon the wicked, when
they shall be as ashes vnder the
sole of your feete, in the day

Ier. 10. when I will doe it. Who will not
feare thee, o King of Nations
for honour appertaineth to thee.

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Among all the sages of the Gentiles, and in all their kingdoms there is none like vnto thee. Giue *Dent. 5.* vs therefore such a mind, that we may feare thee, and keepe all thy commandements at all time: that for euer it may be well with vs, and with our children.



An exhortation to pietie and deuotion.

CHAPT. XII.

PRAISE our Lord all ye Nations, praise him all ye peoples: because his mercie is confirmed vpon vs, and his truth remaineth for euer. Know ye that *Ps. 116.* our Lord he is God: he made vs, and not we our selues. His people, and the sheepe of his pasture, enter ye into his gates with confession, into his courtes with

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hymnes, confesseye to him. Praise
ye his name: because our Lord is
benigne, his mercie is for euer,
and his truth euen vnto genera-
tion and generation. You that

Psal. 96

loue our Lord, hate euil: our
Lord preserveth the foules of his
Saints, and will deliuer them out
of the hand of the sinner. Let

Coloss.

vs therefore (as the elect of
God, holie, and beloued) put
on the bowelles of mercie, beni-
gnitie, humilitie, modestie, pa-
tience: supporting one an other,
if any haue a quarrel against any
man: as our Lord hath pardoned
vs, so let vs likewise. But above
all these things let vs haue cha-
ritie, which is the bond of per-
fection: and let the peace of
Christ triumph in our hearts,
vnto which also we are called in
one bodie; and let vs be grate-
full.

Tit. 2.

For the grace of God our Sa-
lour hath appeared to all men,
instructing vs, that denying im-

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pietie, and worldly desires, we line
soberly, and iustly, and religiously
in this world: expecting the blef-
sed hope and comming of the
glorie of the great God, and our
Saviour Iesus Christ; who gave
himselfe for vs, that he might re-
deeme vs from all iniquitie, and
might cleanse vs to himselfe a
people acceptable, a pursuer of
good workes.

¶ Sithence therefore we haue a *H. b. 10*
confidence to enter into the holies
by the blood of Christ, by the
way which he hath dedicated to
vs, new and liuing; by the vele,
to wit, his flesh; and sithence we
haue a high Priest ouer the house
of God: let vs approach with a
true heart in fulnes of faith,
having our heartes cleansed from
an euill conscience, and our bodie
washed with cleane water: let vs
hold the confession of our hope
vndeclining. (for he is faithfull
that hath promised) and let vs

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Inde.

consider one an other vnto the
propocation of charitie and of
good workes: and building our
selues vpon our most holie faith,
and praying in the holy Ghost, let
vs keepe our selues in the loue of
God: expecting the mercie of our
Lord Iesus Christ vnto life euer-
lasting. Amen.



*An other, that the flesh obey
the spirit.*

CHAPT. XIII.

Sap 9.

O BODIE, that art corru-
ptible, burden not the soule:
o earthly habitation, presse not
downe the vnderstanding, that
thinketh many things. What

Eccle. 5.

doth it profit thee to labour into
the winde? God hath deprived
thee of wisdom, neither hath he
giuen thee vnderstanding. It is

Iob 39.

found in the holie Script. 297

the spirit that quickneeth, the flesh profiteth nothing: neither shall he that soweth in thee, reape any other thing, but corruption: but he that soweth in the spirit, of the spirit shall reape life everlasting. Of en meditation is affliction of the flesh. All flesh shall waxe old as grasse, and as the leafe fructifying on a greene tree.

10. 6.

Gal 6.

12. 21.

Eccle. 1.

12.

Eccle.

14.

What hast thou more of all thy labour, wherewith thou labourest vnder the sunne? Thou therefore dost erre from the way of truth, and the light of iustice hath not shined to thee, and the sunne of righteousnes hath not risen to thee. Thou art wearied in the way of iniquitie and perdition, and hast walked hard wayes, but the way of our Lord thou hast not knowen: because a sensual man doth not comprehend the things that are of the spirit of God. What will pride profit thee? or what commoditie will the vaun-

Eccle. 1.

Sap 5.

1. 10.

1. 12.

1. Cor 2.

Sap 5.

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ring of riches bring thee? All
those things will passe away as a
1/a. 53. shadow. But thy soule, for that
it hath laboured, shall see and
Prou. 16 be filled: because the soule of
him that laboureth, doth labour
2. Cora. for himselfe: and therefore thou
shalt doe well to worke likewise
for thy saluation, by enduring the
same afflictions which it doth su-
staine: knowing, that as thou
art companion with it in affli-
ction, so thou shalt be also in
consolation.
1 Th. 5. Do not extinguish the spirit
Sap. 19 neither institute a more detesta-
ble inhospitalitie, by bringing thy
good guest into seruitude: by thy
good guest I meane thy soule. In
Eccli. 10. mildnes entertaine thy soule, and
give him honour according to his
desert. Who will iustifie him
that sinneth against his owne
soule? Thou dwellest in the mid-
dest of thy people: but thy soule
Rem. 11. remaineth with thee as a stranger

found in the holie Script. 159

and pilgrime.

To him therefore (as to one *Luc. 14*)
more honorable then thy selfe)
give place; and goe, and sit downe
in the lowest place: to the end,
that when he that hath invited
you both, shall come, he may
say to thee: Friend, sit vp higher:
then shalt thou haue glorie before
him, that sit at the table with
thee. Consider that flesh and *1 Cor. 15*
blood can not possesse the king-
dome of God: neither shall cor-
ruption inherite incorruption: *1 Cor. 2*
that the bodie without the spirit
is dead, and like vnto an idoll:
which hath a mouth, and cannot *Ps 134*
speake; hath eyes, and doth not
see; hath eares, and cannot heare:
neither is there breath in his
mouth. For as soone as thy spirit *Ps 143*
shall goe forth, thou (O flesh) *Isa. 14*
shalt returne into thy earth, and
shalt be cast into thy grave as
deathsome carrion: where vnder
the new moone shall be strowed,

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and wormes shall be thy co-
1. Pet. 2. uering. Take heede therefore,
 lest extreming the delightes of a
 day for a pleasure, thou wrong and
 oppresse this stranger: neither do
 thou hinder him in any sort to be
Psal 5; reconciled to God: for he liueth
Gen. 4. in this vale of teares, as one cast
 out from our Lords presence. Say
Gen. 40 therefore to this stranger: Our
 Lord will remember thee, and
 will restore thee to thy old degree:
 onely remember me, when it shall
2. Efd. 5 be well with thee. Doubtlesse he
 will be mindful of thee to thy
 good (if thou serue him well)
 and when he shall be admitted to
Pf. 121. the presence of his Lord, he will
 make mention of thee, and de-
 mand fauours for thee, saying:
Gen. 4. When thy seruant for punish-
 ment of his offence liued as a va-
 gabond and fugitiue on the earth,
 a certaine poore man (in whose
 house I lodged) entertained me
 verie courteously, and I would k

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might please our Lord to requite him for me. First he did not onely not despise me, nor reject me, but as an Angel of God *Gal 4* receiued me. Secondly, he exposed himselfe, and all that he had, desiring in all things my profit, not sparing himselfe for *2. Cor. 11.* my sake, in labour and affliction, in much watching, in hunger and thirst, in frequent fasting, in cold and nakednes. Certainly the holie Scripture doth not lie, which saith: He will doe the will of *Pf. 144.* those that feare him, and will heare their prayer.

The time will come when the *Psal 23.* King of glorie, who the first time descended from heaven (to take *10. 3.* away the sinnes of the world) in great povertie and basenes: will come the second time for thee, (O miserable flesh) with great *Mat 24* power and brightnes: to the end, that that part which we esteeme *1. Cor. 12.* to be the baser, may be vested by

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him with more abundant honour: when he shall come and reforme the bodie of our humilitie, configured to the bodie of his glorie. How long then, o soulesse bodie, wilt thou couer contrarie to spirit? why dost thou loue vanitie, and seeke lying? Why dost thou neglect this acceptable time, and (by living luxuriously) dost repell the word of God, and iudge thy selfe unworthy of life euermore? I labour a little, and thou shalt finde much rest in thy selfe.

O my God, let not onely my soule couer to desire thy justifications at all times: but let my flesh also rest in hope. Let my soule thirst after thee, o Lord: and my flesh verie many wayes: to the end that at the last trumpet, when all the earth shall be filled with thy maiestie: that which is now sown in dishonour, may rise in glorie. Amen.



An osher, to doe penance.

CHAP. XIV.

IF we do not doe penance, we Eccli. 1.
shall fall into the hands of our
Lord, and not into the hands of
men: we shall sleepe in our con- Ier. 3.
fusion, and our shame shall couer
vs, because we haue sinned to the
Lord our God. Let vs consider,
that it is a horrible thing to fall Heb. 10.
into the hands of the liuing God.
Let vs therefore preuent his face Psal. 94.
in confession: let vs adore, and
fall downe, and weepe before our
Lord, that made vs: let vs search Lam. 3.
out wayes, and seeke, and returne
to our Lord. Let vs lift vp our
hearts with our hands vnto our
Lord into the heauens, saying:
We haue done wickedly, and
prouoked thy wrath: for which
cause thou wilt not heare vs. But

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2 Io. 1.

if we confesse our finnes, he is faithful and iust, to forgive vs our finnes, and to cleanse vs from all iniquitie.

Eccli. 17

Conuert thy selfe therefore to our Lord, and forsake thy finnes: pray before the face of our Lord, and diminish offēses: returne to our Lord, and turne away from thine iniustice, and hate exceedingly abomination, and know the iustices and iudgements of God: and stand in the lot of thy purpose, and of prayer of the most high God. Goe into the parts of the holie world, with the liuing, and them that giue praise to God. Stay not in the error of the impious, confesse before death. The confession of one dead perisheth, as a thing nothing worth. Thou shalt confesse liuing, thou shalt confesse aliue and in health, and shalt praise God, and shalt glorie in his mercie. For if thou wilt returne to the Omnipotent, thou shalt

Iob 22.

returne to the Omnipotent, thou shalt

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shalt be builded vp, and shalt make
iniquitie farre from thy tent. If *Isa. 1.*
thy sinnes shall be as scarlet,
they shall be made white as snow:
and if they be red as vermillion,
they shall be white as woolle: be- *Isa. 1.*
cause the Lord our God is beni-
gne and merciful, patient, and of
much mercie: for according to his
greatnes, so also is his mercie *Eccle. 2.*
with him..



*An other for the accomplishing of the
vowes of Religion.*

CHAP. XV.

LET vs remember (deare *Dent. 16*
brethren) the day of our
comming out of Ægypt, all the
dayes of our life. For we are come *Gen. 12.*
forth of our coutrie, and out of our
kindred, and out of our fathers
house, and are come into the land,

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which our Lord hath shewed vs:

Mat. 19 Behold we haue forsaken all things, and haue followed Iesus

Deut. 33 Christ. We haue said to our father, and to our mother: I know you not: and to our brethren in like

Colos. 3 sort: I know you not. For we are dead, and our life is hidden with Christ in God: when Christ our life shall appeare: then we also shall appeare with him in glorie.

1. Tim. 6. In the interim picture with sufficiencie is great gaine: for we

brought nothing into this world, and it is certaine, that we can carie nothing away: but hauing food, and wherewith to be couered, with these let be vs content. And

1. Cor. 7. this I speake for your profit, not to cast a snare vpon you, but tending to that which is honest, and which may giue vs power without impediment to pray to

1. Pet. 3. our Lord. We therefore, brethren, fore-knowing this, let vs

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Take heed, lest led aside by the
trour of the vnwise, we fall away
from our owne stedfastnes: but let
vs grow in grace, and in the know-
ledge of our Lord and Sauour
Iesus Christ. Let our modestie *Philip.*
be knowento all men. Our Lord 4.
enough. Let vs take care for no-
thing: but in euery thing let our
requests be known to God by
prayer and supplication, with
thankes-giuing. And the peace
of God, which passeth all vnder-
standing, keepe our hearts and
knees in Christ Iesus. For the rest,
brethren, what things soeuer be
true, whatsoeuer honest, what-
soeuer iust, whatsoeuer holie,
whatsoeuer amiable, whatsoeuer
of good fame, if there be any
virtue; if any praise of discipline,
these let vs thinke vpon.

Let vs perseuere in discipline: *Heb. 12.*
God offerreth himselfe vnto vs, as
vnto his childten. All discipline
comes for the present seemeth not

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to be of ioy, but of sorow: but afterward it doth render most peaceable fruit of iustice, to them that are exercised by it. Who is wise among vs and endued with vnderstanding? Let him shew by his good conuersation his workes in midnes of wisdom.

Iac. 3.

I. Pet. 1. We therefore hauing the loines of our mind girded, let vs with sobrietie hope perfectly in that grace, which is offered vnto vs, in the reuelation of Iesus Christ: as children of obedience, not conforming our selues to the former desires of our ignorances: but as he that hath called vs, is holie, so let vs likewise be holie, in all conuersation, sithence it is

I. Pet. 5.

written: Be you holie, because I am holie. And the God of grace, who hath called vs vnto his eternal glorie in Christ Iesus, after we haue suffered a little, will perfait, confirme, and establish vs. To him be glorie and empire for euer and euer. Amen.



An exhortation to haue patience
in aduersitie.

C H A P. XVI.

ESTEEME it, my brethren, all *Iac. x.*
ioy, when you shall fall into
diuers temptations: knowing that
the probation of your faith cau-
seth patience: and let patieñce haue
a perfect worke, that you may be
perfect and entire, failing in no-
thing. Wherefore loose not your *Heb. 10*
cōfidence, which hath a great re-
muneration: for you haue need of
patience, that hauing done the will
of God, you may receiue the pro-
mise. Consider from generation *I Ma-
chab. 2.*
to generation, that all that hope in
our Lord, are not weakned. Be pa-
tient therefore, brethren, vntill
the comming of our Lord. Be *Iac. 5.*
hold the husband man expecteth:

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the pretious fruit of the earth, vsing patience, vntil he receiue the timely and the lateward. Be you also patient, and confirme your hearts: because the coming of our Lord doth approach. Grudge not, brethen, one against the other: to the end you be not condemned? Behold the Iudge standeth before the gate. Take (deare brethren) for an example of labour and patience, the Prophets, who spake in the name of our Lord: behold we account them blessed, that haue suffered. You haue heard of the patience of Iob, and haue seene the end of our Lord: because he is merciful and pitifull.

1. Pet. 2.

For this is a thing grateful, if any one for conscience sake towards God, sustaine sorowes: suffering vniustlie. For otherwise what praise is it, if, for hauing done amisse, you be buffeted, and endure it? but if doing well,

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you suffer patiently, this before God is a thing praise-worthie. For you are called vnto this, because Christ likewise hath suffered for vs, leauing you an example, that you may follow his stepps: who did not sinne, neither was guile found in his mouth: Who when he was reuiled; did not reuile: when he suffered, he threatned not; but deliuered himselfe to him, that iudged him vniustly: who himselfe hath borne our sinnes in his bodie on the tree: to the end that we, being dead to sinne, may liue to iustice, by whose stripes we are healed.

We therefore hauing so great a *Heb. 12.* cloud of witnessses set before vs; casting away all weight and sinne, that doth enuiron vs; let vs by patience runne to the fight, proposed vnto vs: looking on the author of faith, and consummator Iesus: who in lieu of the ioy that was proposed vnto him, su;

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stained the crosse, contemning
confusion, and sitteth on the right
hand of the seate of God. Where-
fore thinke diligently vpon him,
who sustained of sinners such
contradiction against himselfe: to
the end you be not wearied, fain-
ting in your mindes. For you
haue not resisted vnto blood, in
fighting against sinne: and you
haue forgotten the consolation,
which speaketh to you, as it were
to children, saying: My sonne,
neglect not the discipline of our
Lord: neither be dismayed, when
thou art rebuked of him: for our
Lord chastiseth him that he
loueth; and euerie child that he
receiveth: for that by many tri-
bulations we must enter into the
kingdome of God.

Heb. 12.
An. 14.

that doth come to the right, pro-
posed vnto vs: looking on the
sweat of paine, and of blood,
your Iesus: who in the joy
that was proposed vnto him, in

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As to other, be charitable to the poore.

CHAP. XVII.

GIUE almes of thy substance, *Tob. 4.*
and turne not away thy face
from any poore person: for by
so doing, the face of our Lord
shall not be turned away from
thee. As thou art able: so be
mercifull. If thou haue much,
giue abundantly: if thou haue
little, studie to impart also a little
willingly: for so thou dost lay vp
to thy selfe a good reward in the
day of necessitie: for almes deli-
uereth from all sinne, and from
death: and will not suffer the soule
to goe into darknes. Almes cau-
seth a great confidence before
the most soueraigne God, to all
them that doe it. With the hun-
grie and needie eate thy bread:

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and with thy garments couer the naked. Prayer with fasting and almes is good: rather then to lay vp treasures of gold: for almes (as I haue alreadie said) deliuereth from death: and it is that which purgeth sinne, and maketh to find mercie and life euerlasting.

Pf. 40.

Blessed is the man, that listneth to the poore and needie: our Lord will deliuer him in the euil day. Our Lord preserue him, and giue him life, and make him happie on earth: and deliuer him not to the will of his enemies: our Lord assist

Prov. 3.

him on the bed of his griefes. Honour our Lord with thy substance, and giue to him of the first of all thy fruites: and thy barnes shall abound with corne, and thy presses shall runne ouer with wine.

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When likewise thou shalt reape the corne of thy land, do not cut it to the verie ground, neither gather the eares that remaine,

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but leaue them for the poore and
strangers. If one of thy brethren, *Deut. 15*
abiding within the gates of thy
citie, come to pouertie: thou
shalt not harden thy heart, nor
close thy hand, but shalt open it
to the poore man, and shalt lend
that which thou perceiuest he
hath need: lest he crie to our
Lord against thee, and it be-
come sinne vnto thee. Do not *Prov. 3.*
hinder him to doe good, that is
able: if thou be able, thy selfe
also doe good. Say not to thy
friend: Goe, and returne, and to-
morrow I will giue thee: where as
thou mayest giue him immediatly:
for he sinneth, that despiseth his *Prov. 14*
neighbour: but he shall be bles-
sed that hath pitie on the poore.
He that wrongeth the poore, vp-
braideth his maker: but he ho-
noureth him, that hath pitie on
the poore. He that stoppeth his *Prov. 21*
eare to him, that is in need: he
also shall crie, and shall not be

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Prov. 23. heard. He that giueth to the poore, shalt not be needie: but he that despiseth him that asketh, shall sustaine pouertie.

Act 10. We must also support the weake, and remember the wordes of our Lord Iesus, because he said: It is a more blessed thing

Luk 14. to giue, rather then to take. When therefore thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends nor thy brethren, nor kindesmen, nor thy neighboures that are rich: lest perhaps they also reinvite thee, and a recompense be made to thee: but when thou makest a feast, call the poore, feeble, lame, and blind: and thou shalt be happie, because they haue now wherewithall to recompense thee: for recompense shall be made to thee in the resurrection of the iust.

Mat. 25 For then the King shall say to them that shall be at his right hand: Come ye blessed of my father, possesse you the kingdome, prepared,

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poore, prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungrie, and you gaue me to eate: I was thirstie, and you gaue me to drinke: I was a stranger, and you lodged me: naked, and you couered me: sicke, and you visited me: I was in prison, and you came to me: for in as much as you did it to one of these my least brethren, you dd it to me.

He therefore that shall haue 170 3.
the substance of this world, and shall see his brother haue need, and shall shut his bowells from him: how doth the charitie of God abide in him? Let vs not loue in word, nor in tongue, but in deed and in truth. Wherefore 154 58.
breake thy bread to the hungrie and the needie, and bring the hart-boules into thy house: when thou shalt see him naked, couer him, and despise not thy flesh. Then shall thy light breake forth as the morning, and thy health shall

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sooner arise, and thy iustice shall
goe before thy face, and the glo-
rie of our Lord shall embrace
thee. Then thou shalt call, and
our Lord will heare: thou shalt
crie, and he will say: Lo, here
I am. For he that doeth mercie,
offereth sacrifice.

Eccli. 35

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*An other, to moderate the tongue.*

*CHAP. XVIII.*

*Psal. 33* **W**H O is the man, that will have  
life: loneth to see good dayes  
Restraine thy tongue from evil,  
and thy lippes, that they speake  
*Prom. 4.* no guile. Remoue from thee  
froward mouth, and let detracting  
*Pro. 10* lippes be farre from thee. In much  
talkie there shall not want sinne:  
but he that moderateth his lippes  
*Eccli. 14.* is most wise. Blessed is the man  
that hath not offended in a word  
*Eccli. 19* out of his mouth: for who is there  
that hath not offended in his

shall  
e glo-  
brace  
and  
shall  
heere  
ercie  
power of the tongue. When wood  
leth, the fire shall be extin-  
ished: and the whisperer taken  
way, brawles haue an end. Ho-  
ur and glorie is in the word of a  
wise man: but the tongue of the  
unwise is his subuersion.

Mat. 17

Prov. 18

Pro. 26.

Euery man ought to be swift to  
hear: but slow to speake, and  
slow to anger. If any man thinke  
himselfe to be religious, not bride-  
ing his tongue, but seducing  
his heatt: this man's religion is  
vaine. A third tongue hath  
wounded many, and dispersed them  
from nation to nation: it hath de-  
stroyed the walled cities of the  
rich, and ouerthrowne the houses  
of great men: it hath deuised the

Ias. 1.

Eccle.

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forces of peoples, and vndone strong nations. A third tongue hath expelled vertuous woemen, and deprived them of their labours. He that regardeth it, shall not haue rest, neither shall he haue a friend, in whome he may repose. The stroke of a whippe maketh a black marke: but the stroke of the tongue will breake the bones. Many haue fallen by the edge of the sword: but not so many as they, that haue perished by their tongue. Blessed is he, that is protected from a wicked tongue, that hath not passed by the anger thereof, and that hath not drawen the yoke thereof, and hath not beene tyed in the bandes thereof: for the yoke of it, is a yoke of yron, and the band of it is a band of brasle. The death of it is a most wicked death, and hell is more profitable then it. The continuance of it shall not be permanent, but

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shall obtaine the wayes of the  
winſt; and it ſhall not burne the  
juſt in its flame. They that for-  
ſake God, ſhall fall into it, and it  
ſhall burne in them, and ſhall not  
be quenched: and it ſhall be ſent  
againſt them as a lion, and as a  
leopard it ſhall hurt them. Stoppe  
thine eares with thornes, and  
heare not a wicked tongue: and  
make dores to thy mouth, and  
locks. Melt thy gold and ſilver,  
and make a balance to thy  
wordes, and ſtraight bridles to thy  
mouth; and take heed, leſt per-  
haps thou ſlippe in thy tongue,  
and fall in the ſight of thine ene-  
mies, that lie in waite for thee,  
and thy fall be vneurable unto  
death: for a man full of tongue  
ſhall not be directed in the earth,  
and ſhall take the winſt man  
into deſtruction.

Keep your ſcenes therefore ſap.  
from murmuring, which profreth  
nothing, and ſealine your tongue

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from detraction; because an ob-  
scure speech shall not passe in-  
-vaine: and the mouth that killeth  
-killeth the soule. Who will give  
a gard to my mouth, and a sure  
-scale vpon my lippes: that I fall  
not by them; and my tongue de-

*Eccles.*  
12.

*Psal.* 140. stroy me? O Lord, let a watch  
-to my mouth; and a doore to my  
-lippes: decline not my heart into  
-wordes of malice, or to make excu-

*Prov.* 16. ses in sinners: for talbot is per-  
-taineth to man to prepare the  
-heart: yet it belongeth to thee,  
-O Lord, to gouerne the tongue.

*Psal.* 119. Wherefore I beseech thee, O Lord,  
-deliuer my soule from vnjust lip-  
-pes, and from a deceitful tongue.

*Psal.* 34. and my tongue shall meditate thy  
-justice, and thy praise all the day.

~~And meditation shall bring thee great~~  
-profit, that proceedeth from the

word of God. Chap. XXXII

*2. Tim.* 3. **A** Lso Scripture is inspired of  
-God, is profitable to teach



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to argue, to correct: to instruct in  
justice: to the end that the man  
of God may be perfect, prepared  
for euery good worke. For the *Heb. 4.*  
word of God is lively and forcible,  
and more piercing then any two-  
edged sword: and reaching vnto  
the diuision of the soule and the  
spirit, of the ioyntes also and the  
marowes, and a discerner of the  
 cogitations and intentions of the  
heart. The commandement is a *Prov. 6.*  
lampe; and the law a light, and  
the way of life the increpation of  
discipline. The wordes of our Lord *Ier. 23.*  
are as fire, and as a hammer brea- *Baruch*  
king a rocke. This is the booke of 4.  
the commandements of God, and the  
law that is for euer: all that keepe  
it, shall come to life: but they  
that shall forsake it, shall die.  
Verily, verily, I say to you (saith *Io. 5.*  
Iesus Christ the truth) that he  
which heareth my word, and be-  
leueth in him, that hath sent me,  
hath life euerlasting, and he com-

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meth not into iudgement: but shall passe from death vnto life. Lord, to whome shall we goe?

*Jo. 6.* Thou hast the wordes of eternal life: and we beleue, and haue knowen, that thou art Christ the sonne of God. Sanctifie vs in truth, thy word is truth.

*Iam. 1.* Wherefore casting aside all vncleannes and aboundance of malice, let vs in meeknes receiue the word engrafted in vs, which is able to saue our soules. For

*Sap. 16.* neither hearbe nor plaister healeth thy children: but thy word, o Lord, which healeth all things: neither do the fruits, that grow, feed men: but thy word preserveth them, that beleue in thee.

*Ps 118.* Moreover the declaration of thy wordes doth illuminate, and giueth understanding to little ones. I will reioyce at thy wordes, as he that findeth many spoiles. There is much peace to them that loue thy law, and there is no

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scandal to them. Were it not  
that thy law is my meditation,  
I had heeretofore perished per-  
haps in my humiliation. I will not  
forget thy iustifications for euer,  
because in them thou hast quick-  
ned me. By thy commandement  
thou hast made me wise aboue  
mine enemies: I haue vnderstood  
aboue all that taught me, because  
thy testimonies are my medita-  
tion: I haue vnderstood aboue an-  
cients: because I haue sought thy  
cōmandements: by thy cōmande-  
mēts I haue vnderstood: and ther-  
by haue hated all way of iniquitie.  
Thy word is a lampe to my feete,  
and a light to my pathes: I haue  
purchased thy testimonies as an  
inheritance for euer, because they  
are the ioy of my heart. I haue  
inclined my heart to performe thy  
iustifications for euer, for reward.



*An exhortation to detest pride.*

**CHAP. XX.**

**E**ARTH, earth, earth, heare  
 the word of our Lord. Shall  
 the axe glorie against him, that  
 cutteth with it? or shall the saw  
 exalt it selfe against him, by  
 whome it is drawen? Why, is  
 there not one father of vs all?  
 hath not one God created vs? why  
 then doth euerie one of vs despise  
 his brother, violating the coue-  
 nant of our fathers? Do not iu-  
 stifie thy selfe before God, be-  
 cause it is he, that knoweth the  
 the heart. Pride is detestable be-  
 fore God and men. Why is earth  
 and ashes proud? The beginning  
 of man's pride is to forsake God;  
 because his heart is departed from  
 him that made him: for pride is

*Ier. 21.*

*I/a. 10.*

*Malas.*

*Eccli. 7.*

*Eccli.*  
*10.*

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the beginning of all sinne: he that holdeth it, shall be filled with curses, and it shall subuert him in the end. God hath destroyed the seates of proud Princes, and hath made the meeke to sit in their place. God hath made the rootes of proud nations to wither, and hath planted the humble of those nations: God hath destroyed the memorie of the proud: and hath left the memorie of them, that are humble in heart. Pride goeth before destruction: and the spirit shall be exalted before ruine. It is better to be humbled with the meeke, then to deuide spoiles with the proud. *Pro. 16.*

It is reason to be subiect to 2. Ma. God, and that he, that is mortal, *chap. 9.* do not thinke of himselfe equally with God. Let vs not be of the *Luce 14.* number of those that iustifie themselves before men, but God knoweth their hearts: because that which is high to men, is

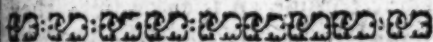
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*Eccles. 9.* abomination before God. Man knoweth not whether he be worthy of loue, or of hatred: but all things are reserved vncertaine for the time to come: because all things do equallie chance to the iust and to the wicked, to the good and to the bad, to the cleane, and

*1. Pet. 1.* to the vncleane: to the end we conuerse in feare, during the time of our peregrination: and that he that is girded (being to fight) do not glorie as the vngirded (the victorie being obtained.)

*1. Pet. 5.* And therefore let vs shew humilitie, one towards an other: because God resisteth the proud, and giueth grace to the humble. Let vs hūble our selues vnder the powerful hand of God: that he may exalt vs in the time of visitation: because enerie one that exalteth himselfe, shall be humbled, and he that humbleth himselfe, shall be exalted.

*Luc. 18.*



*A meditation of the malicie and vanitie of the world.*

C H A P. X X I.

W H O will giue me in the wil- *Ier. 2.*  
dernes an inne of wayfaring  
men, and I will leaue my people,  
and depart from them? because  
they are all adulterers, an assem-  
bly of trasgressors. And they haue  
bent their tongue, as a bow of  
lying and not of truth: they are  
growen strong in the land, be-  
cause they haue proceeded from  
euil to euil, and haue not knowen  
our Lord. Let euerie one take  
heed to himselfe of his neighbour,  
and not put his confidence in any  
brother: because euerie brother  
supplanting will supplant, and eue-  
rie friend will walke deceitfully:  
and man will scorne his bro-  
ther, and they will not speake the  
truth: because they haue taught

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their tongue to speake lies, they  
haue laboured to doe vniustly.

*Mich. 7.* The holie is perished out of  
the earth, and there is none  
righteous among men: all lie in  
waite for blood, euerie one hunteth  
his brother to death: the  
euil of their hands they call good.  
The Prince doth demand, and the  
Iudge doeth for reward: and  
the great man hath spoken the  
desires of his soule, and they haue  
troubled it. He that is the best  
among them, is as a briar: and he  
that is righteous, as the thorne  
of a hedge. Beleeue not a friend,  
neither trust in Prince: keepe the  
closure of thy mouth from her  
that sleepeeth in thy bosome: be-  
cause the sonne reprocheth the  
father, and the daughter riseth  
against her mother, the daughter  
in law against her mother in law,  
and a man's enemies are those of  
*Eccle 8.* his owne household. For by rea-  
son that sentence is not speedily



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pronounced against the euil, the children of men commit villainies without any feare: and (which is worise) delight in the vanitie of malice: for there is no truth, and there is no mercie, and there is no knowledge of God in the land. Cursing, and lying, and manslaughter, and theft, and adulterie haue ouer flowed, and blood hath touched blood. For this the land shall mourne, and euerie one shall be weakened, that dwelloth therein.

Blessed is the man whose hope is in the name of our Lord, and hath not regard to vanities and false madnes. Vanitie of vanities, said Ecclesiastes, and all things are vanitie: and what is more wicked, then that which flesh and blood hath imagined? Wherefore loue not the world, nor those things which are in the world: if any man loue the world, the charitie of the Father is not in

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him : because all that is in the world, is the concupiscence of the flesh, and the concupiscence of the eies, and the pride of life, which is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth, and the concupiscence thereof : but he that doeth the will of God, abideth for ever.

*1. Pet. 2.* Laying away therefore all malice, and all guile, and simulations, and enuies, and all detractions : let vs desire, as infants newly borne, the milke of vnderstanding, which is without dissimulation : that by it we may grow vnto saluation.



*Of the discontentments and dangers  
of this life.*

CHAPT. XXII.

*Ier. 15.* **W**OE is me, my mother: why hast thou borne me? *Ier. 20.* Why came

I out of the wombe, to see labour, and sorow, and to spend my dayes in confusion. For man borne of a man, liuing a short time, is replenished with many miseries. Who commeth forth as a flower, and is destroyed, and passeth away as a shadow, and neuer abideth in the same state. The dayes of man are short, and the number of his monethes are with God: he hath appointed his limits, which cannot be passed. For albeit a man hath liued many yeares, and hath reioyced in all these things, yet he must remember the darke some time, and many dayes: which when they shall come, the things past be reprobued of vanitie. *Iob 14. Eccl. 1.*

If I turne my selfe to other things, I see the oppressions that are done vnder the sunne, and the teares of the innocents, and no comforter: and that they cannot resist their violence, being desti-

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*Ecc' 1.2.*

tute of all succour : and I haue praised the dead rather then the liuing : and haue esteemed him more happie then both, that is not yet borne, and hath not seene the euils, that are done vnder the sunne : and therefore I haue beene wearie of my life, seeing all things vnder the sunne to be euil, and all things to be vanitie and affliction of spirit. For what profit shall be to a man of all his labour and affliction of spirit, wherewith he is vexed vnder the sunne ? All his dayes are full of sorowes and miseries, neither doth he by night rest in mind.

*Isa' 38.*

Lord, if man's life be such, and the life of my spirit be in such things, thou shalt correct me, and quicken me : behold my most

*Mat. 8.*

bitter bitternes is in peace. Lord,

*Psal. 87.*

saue vs, for we perish : for my soule is replenished with euils, and my life hath approched to hell.

*Pf. 118.*

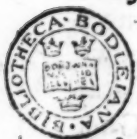
My soule hath slumbered for tea-

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diouſnes : confirme me in thy  
wordes. Woe is to me, for that my *Pſ. 119.*  
ſejourning is prolonged : I haue  
dwelt with the inhabitants of Ce-  
dar ; my ſoule hath beene long a  
ſejourner. Why art thou ſorow- *Pſal 42*  
ful, o my ſoule, and why doſt  
thou trouble me ? Hope in God,  
becauſe yet I will confeſſe to him,  
the ſaluation of my countenance,  
and my God. Haue mercie on *Pſal 85*  
me, o Lord, becauſe I haue cried  
to thee all the day : make ioyful  
the ſoule of thy ſeruant, becauſe to  
thee, o Lord, I haue liſted vp my  
ſoule. Woe to vs, becauſe we *Lamick.*  
haue ſinned : therefore is our  
heart made ſorowful, therefore  
are our eies daikened. And now, *Baruc.*  
o Lord omnipotent, God of Iſrael, 3.  
the ſoule in diſtreſſes, and the  
penſiue ſpirit crieth to thee : heare  
Lord, and haue mercie, becauſe  
thou art a merciful God, and haue  
mercie vpon vs ; becauſe we haue  
ſinned before thee.



*Of the manifold evils proceeding  
from sinne.*



CHAP. XXIII.

*Ier. 12.*

**A**LL the earth with desolation  
is made desolate : because  
there is none that considereth in  
*Isa. 24.* his heart. The earth hath mour-  
ned, and is fallen away, and weak-  
ned : the world is fallen away :  
the height of the people of the  
earth is weakened, and the earth  
is infected by the inhabitants  
thereof : because they haue trans-  
gressed the lawes, changed right,  
and broken the everlasting coue-  
nant. For this cause malediction  
shall deuoure the earth, and the  
inhabitants thereof shall sinne,  
and therefore the dwellers therein  
shall grow madde, and few men  
*Baruc.* shall be left. Israel, heare the

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commandements of life : listen  
with thine eares, that thou mayest  
know prudence. Israel what is  
the cause that thou art in the land  
of thine enemies ? Thou art  
growen old in a strange land,  
thou art defiled with the dead,  
thou art reputed with them that  
goe downe into hell. Thou hast  
forsaken the fountaine of wis-  
dome : for if thou hadst walked  
in the way of God, thou hadst  
verily dwelt in peace everlasting.  
Therefore (saith God) is my  
people led away captiue, because *Isa. 5.*  
they had not knowledge, and their  
nobles died with famine, and the  
multitude thereof dried away  
with thirst. For this cause hath  
hell dilated his soule, and opened  
his mouth without any limite, and  
their strong ones, and their peo-  
ple, and their high and glorious  
ones shall descend into it : They *Barnes*  
haue not found the way of disci-  
pline : therefore did they perish :

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and because they had not wisdom, they perished through their follie.

*Amos 8* Heare this, you that tread downe the poore, and make the needie of the land to faile. Our Lord hath sworne: I will not forget euen to the end all their workes. Why, shall not the earth be moued vpon this, and euerie inhabitant thereof mourne, and rise vp as a river altogether, and be cast out, and rûne downe as the riuer of Ægypt? And it shall come to passe in that day (saith our Lord God) the sunne shall goe downe at midday, and I will make the earth to be darke in the day of light: and I will change your festes into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; and I will put sack-cloth vpon all your backes, and euerie head shall be

*Mich 6* balde. I therefore haue begun to strike thee with perdition for thy sinnes. Thou shalt eate, and



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shalt not be filled, and thy humiliation shall be in the midst of thee: and thou shalt receiue, and shalt not saue: and those whome thou hast saued, I will giue vnto the sword. Thou shalt sow, and shalt not reape: thou shalt presse the oliue, and shalt not be anointed with the oyle, and thou shalt presse muste, and thou shalt not drinke the wine.

Sithence therefore there is *Rom 1.* tribulation and anguish vpon euerie soule of man, that worketh euil, let vs not couet euil things, *1. Cor.* as the Iewes, who were ouer- *10.* throwne in the desert: neither let vs become idolaters, as certaine of them; as it is written: The people sate downe to eate and drinke, and rose vp to play: neither let vs commit fornication, as certaine of them did, and there fell in one day three and twentie thousand: neither let vs tempt Christ, as certaine of them tempted, and

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perished by the serpents: neither let vs murmure, as certaine of them murmured, and perished by the destroyer. All these things happened to them in figure: but they are written for our admonition, vpon whome the endes of the world are come.



*How we ought to behaue our selues  
in the Church, or place of prayer.*

C H A P. XXIV.

*Eccle. 4.* **T**AKE heed to keepe thy foote, when thou entrest into the house of God, and approach thou to heare: for obedience is much better then the sacrifices of fooles, who know not what euil thy doe. Let nothing hinder thee to pray alwayes, and feare not to be iustified euen to death: because the reward of God

*Eccle.  
43.*

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God abideth for euer. Prepare thy soule before prayer, and be not as a man that tempteth God. Because our Lord is in his holie *Habac.* temple (let all the earth be silent in his presence) and his house shall *Isa. 56.* be called the house of prayer to all peoples.

Howbeit God hath not chosen *2. Ma. chab. 5.* the people for the place, but the place for the people: and therefore the place it self likewise is made partaker of the peoples finnes. Wherefore thou must *Iob 20.* beware, that diuerse thoughts do not succeed one an other, and that thy mind be not rapt into sondry matters.

At thy entring into the Church, say: How terrible is this place? *Gen. 28.* this is no other but the house of God, and the gate of heauen: where we sing psalmes in the presence of the Angells; where we *Pf. 137.* confesse in the counsel and congregation of the iust. *Pf. 130.* And being

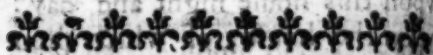
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**Psal. 41** entred say: I will passe into the  
place of a marueilous tabernacle,  
euen to the house of God, in the  
voyce of exultation and confes-  
**Pf. 141.** sion. There powre out thy prayer  
before him, and make known  
**Luc. 18.** vnto him thy tribulation: there  
knocke thy breast, saying: God,  
**3. Reg. 8** be merciful to me a sinner: there  
acknowledge the wound of thy  
heart, and stretch forth thy  
handes. And because thou art  
come into the Church to pray,  
beginne in this manner, or the like.  
**3. Reg. 8.** O Lord God of Israel, there is  
no God like to thee in heaven  
aboue, or vpon the earth beneath:  
who keepest couenant and mer-  
cie with thy seruants, that walke  
before thee in all their heart.  
Looketowards the prayer of thy  
seruant, and to his petitions, O  
Lord my God. Heare the hym-  
nes and the prayers, which thy  
seruant prayeth before thee this  
day: that thine eyes may be open

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upon this house night and day:  
upon the house, of which thou  
hast said: My name shall be there;  
to the end that thou heare the  
request of thy seruant and of thy  
people: touching what soeuer  
they shall pray for in this place:  
that thou wilt heare them! I say  
in the place of thy habitation in  
heaven, and when thou hast heard,  
wilt be merciful to them. Our  
Lord God be with vs, as he hath  
bene with our fathers, not forsa-  
king nor rejecting vs: but incli-  
ning our hearts to him: to the  
end we may walke in all his  
wayes, and keepe his comman-  
dements, and his ceremonies, and  
iudgements, whatsoeuer he com-  
manded our fathers: that all the  
peoples of the earth may know,  
that our Lord is God, and that  
there is no other besides him.

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*Of the happines of iust men, euen  
in this life.*

CHAP. XXV.

*Ier. 17.*

**B**LESSED is the man, that  
trusteth in our Lord, and our  
Lord is his confidence. He shall be  
as a tree, that is planted neere the  
waters, that spreadeth his roots  
to the moisture: and when heats  
shall come, he shall not feare:  
and the leafe thereof shall be  
greene, and shall not be in dan-  
ger in time of drought, neither  
shall it cease at any time to bring  
forth fruite. Say therefore to the  
iust, that it goeth well with him:  
because he shall eate the fruite of  
his inuentions. Breake thy bread  
to the hungrie and the needie, and  
bring such as are harbourlesse into  
thy house: couer him that thou

*Isa. 3.*

*Isa. 58.*

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least destitute of clothes, and de-  
spise not thy flesh. Then thy  
light shall breake forth as the  
morning, and thy heath shall  
sooner arise, and thy iustice shall  
goe before thy face, and the glorie  
of our Lord shall embrace thee:  
thy light shall arise vp in dark-  
nes, and thy darkenes shall be  
as the noone day. Then thou  
shalt call, and our Lord will heare:  
thou shalt cry, and he will say:  
Loe, heere I am. And our Lord  
will giue thee rest alwayes, and fill  
thy soule with brightness: and thou  
shalt be as a watered garden,  
and as a fountaine of waters,  
never failing. They that hope  
in our Lord, shall change their  
fores, they shall take wings as  
eagles, they shall runne and not  
laboure, they shall walke, and  
not be wearied. These are the men of mercie,  
whose good deedes haue not fail-  
ed: good things continue with.

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their seede to their nephewes are  
an holie inheritance; and their  
seede hath stood in the testamēt,  
and their childre because of them  
abide for ever in their seed and  
their glorie shall not be forsaken;  
their bodies are blessed in peace;  
and their name liveth vnto gene-  
ration and generation. Because  
God will not leaue his mercie, and  
he will not corrupt nor abolish his  
owne workes; neither will he de-  
stroy fro the stocke the nephewes  
of his elect; nor corrupt the race  
of him that loueth our Lord.

*Psal* 33. True it is; that the tribulations of  
the iust are many; but our Lord  
will deliuer them out of all these.  
our Lord keepeth all their bones;  
there shall not one of them be  
*Psal* 30 broken: when they shall fall  
they shall not be bruised; because  
our Lord putteth his hand vnder

*2 Cor* 4. Wherevpon one of them saith:  
In all things we suffer tribula-  
tion, but are not in distress; we



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want, but are not destitute: we  
suffer persecution, but are not for-  
saken: we are cast downe, but not  
quite forlorne. Our Lord doth also *Eccli.*  
purge their finnes, and lifteth *47.*  
them vp above the heightes of *isa 58.*  
the earth. They are the temple *2. Cor. 6.*  
of the liuing God, as God saierh:  
I will dwell and walke in them,  
and will be their God, and they  
shall be my people: and I will  
receiue you, and be vnto you as a  
father, and you shall be my  
sonnes and daughters, saith our  
Lord omnipotent. See what man-  
ner of charitie the Father hath  
giuen vs, that we should be na-  
med, and be the sonnes of God.  
Now we are the sonnes of God,  
but what we shall be hath not  
yet appeared. We know that  
when he shall appeare, we shall  
be like to him, because we shall  
see him as he is. Sithence there-  
fore we haue these promises, let vs  
cleaue our selues from all inqui-

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nation of the flesh and spirit, accomplishing our sanctification in the feare of God.



## Of Death.

### CHAPT. XXVI.

2. Reg. **WE** do all die, and fall downe  
 24. on the earth as waters that  
 10. Job 23 returne not: this is the way of  
 Eccle 9 all flesh. It is not in man's power  
 to prohibite the spirit, neither  
 hath he power in the day of death.  
 Eccle. 9 There is no man that may live  
 alwayes, and that can have con-  
 fidence of this thing: for the living  
 know that they shall die: all  
 things that are of the earth, shall  
 Eccle. 41 returne into the earth: we are dust,  
 Gen 3 and into dust we shall returne. It  
 Heb 9. is appointed to men to die once,  
 and after this, the judgement.  
 Sap 1. God made not death, neither  
 doth he reioyce in the perdition

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tion of the living : for God *Sap. 2.*  
 created man incorruptible, and  
 made him to the image of his  
 owne likenes : but by the ennie  
 of the diuel death entred into the  
 world. For by one man sinne en- *Rom. 5.*  
 tred into the world, and Oby  
 sinne death : and so death did  
 passe vnto all men, in which  
 all sinned : for death is the stipend *Rom. 6.*  
 of sinne.

Neuerthelisse do not feare the *Eccle. 41.*  
 iudgement of death : remember  
 what things haue bene be-  
 fore thee, and what come after  
 thee : this is the iudgement of our  
 Lord to all flesh. Rather craue *Apo. 2.*  
 of God, that thou maiest be  
 faithful vntil death : for he that  
 shall overcome, shall not be hurt  
 of the second death. Be subiect *Psal. 6.*  
 to our Lord, and beseech him  
 saying : I know (Lord) that thou *100. 30.*  
 wilt deliuer me to death, where a  
 house is appointed for euerie one  
 that liueth : but deliuer my soule *Psal.*

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- Nu 33.** from death. Let me die the death  
of the iust, and let my last depar-  
**Pro. 14.** ture be like to theirs: because a  
iust man hopeth in his death.  
**Pro. 10.** for that iustice deliuereth from  
death.  
**Rom. 5.** O most mercifull Lord Iesus  
**1. Pet. 3** Christ, who hast died for vs, the  
**Heb. 2.** iust for the vniust to the end that  
by thy death thou mightest de-  
stroy him that had the empire of  
death, that is to say, the diel,  
and mightest deliuer them, who  
by the feare of death were subiect  
to seruitude, during all their life.  
**Rom 8.** grant, that by the spirit morti-  
fying the deedes of the flesh, we  
**Rom. 14** may liue to the end that whether  
we liue, or whether we die, we may  
**1. Cor.** be thine: as in Adam we all die,  
**15. 1. 2.** so in thee, o Christ, let vs all be  
**Rom. 14** made alive. For to this end thou  
hast died and risen againe; that  
thou mightest haue dominion both  
of the dead and of the liuing: ha-  
**Sap. 16.** uing power both of life and death.



Of the confidence of the iust, at the  
hower of death.

CHAP. XXVII.

**T**HE soules of the Iust are sap. 3.  
in the hand of God, and the  
torment of death shall not touch  
them: they seeme in the eyes of  
the vnwise to die, and their de-  
cease is esteemed affliction: and  
that which to vs is the way to be  
their perdition: but they are in  
peace. And albeit beforement they  
suffer torments, their hope is full  
of immortalitie. Whatsoever doth *Pro. 12.*  
befall the iust, doth not make him  
sorrowful: but the impious shall  
be replenished with euil: the iust *Pro. 11*  
is deliuered from distresse, and the  
impious shall be given for him.  
He that shall heare our Lord, *Pro. 1,*  
shall rest without terror. Tand

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shall enioy aboundance; the of  
*Sap. 4.* evils being taken away: but if  
he be preuented by death, he shall  
be in repose: and being consum-  
mate in short space, he hath ac-  
complished much time, for his  
soule pleased God, and for this  
cause he hastened to bring  
him out of the middest of in-  
quities..

*Pro. 28.* The impious flieth, no man  
poursuing him: but the iust shall  
be without dread, and confident

*Isa. 50.* as a lion. The Lord God (saith  
he) is my helper, therefore I am  
not dismayed: therefore haue I set  
my face as a most hard rock, and  
I know that I shall not be con-  
founded. He that hath sith me, I  
neere: who will gainsay me? I  
vs stand together. Who is mine  
aduersarie? let him come to me.  
Behold the Lord God is my hel-  
per who is he, that shall con-  
demne me?

*Psal. 118.* The iust shall be in eternall me-  
morie,

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more, he shall not feare at the  
hearing of euil: his heart is readie  
to hope in our Lord, his heart is  
confirmed: he shall not be moued,  
vntil he despise his enemies. The  
vniust shall perish together, the  
remaines of the impious shall pe-  
rish: but the saluation of the iust  
is from our Lord, and he is their  
protector in the time of tribula-  
tion: and our Lord will helpe  
them, and deliuer them: and he  
will reskew them from sinners,  
and will saue them: because they  
haue hoped in him. He therefore  
that is iust, let him become more  
iust; and let the holie become  
more holie: because our Lord  
doth loue the iust, and will not  
permit for ever, that they be to-  
led to, and from perplexities of  
mind.

*Psal. 36*

*Apoc.*

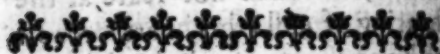
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*Psal. 145.*

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*Of the anguish and affliction of the  
impious at the bower of death.*

CHAP. XXVIII.

*Isa 3* **W** O E vnto the impious vnto  
*Soph 3.* euil: for the reward of his  
 handes shall he made to him: he  
 hath not heard the voice, and he  
 hath not receiued discipline, he  
 hath not trusted in our Lord, he  
 hath not approached to his God.  
*Rom. 2.* And thinkest thou, o man, who  
 iudgeth them that doe such things  
 and doest the same, that thou  
 shalt escape the iudgement of  
 God? Or dost thou contemne  
 the riches of his goodnes and pa-  
 tience, and longanimitie; not  
 knowing, that the benignitie of  
 God inuith thee to penance?  
 But by thy hardnes and impeni-  
 tent heart, thou heapest to thy



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selfe wrath, in the day of wrath,  
and of the reuelation of the iust  
iudgement of God, who will ren-  
der to euerie one according to his  
workes.

In that day our Lord will take *Isa. 62*  
away the ornament of shooes, and  
little moones, and cheynes, and  
ouches, and bracelets, and bon-  
nets: and the sheading combes,  
and sloppes, and tablettis, and  
sweet balles, and earlets, and  
rings, and perles hanging on the  
fore-head: and changes of appa-  
rail, and short clokes, and fine  
linnen, and needells, and looking  
glasses, and launes, and head-  
bands and bonne-graces. And  
for sweet saour there shall be  
stinke, and for a girdle a corde,  
and for frizled haire, baldnes;  
and for a stomacher, a haire-  
cloth.

O sinner, who then will haue *Ier. 15.*  
pittie of thee? or who will be  
sorowful for thee? or who will

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goe to entreat for thy peace? Thou hast forsaken me, saith our Lord, thou hast gone backward: I will likewise stretch forth my hand vpon thee, and will kill thee. And therefore if thou hadst knowen, certainly thou hadst wept, in this thy day, the things that pertaine to thy peace: but now they are hidden from thine eyes. For the day shalt come vpon thee (yea is now present) that thine enemies shall beseige thee, and enclose thee about, and streighten thee on euerie side, and cast thee to the ground: because thou hast not knowen the time of thy visitation. Behold thine end is come within a foote of thy cutting of. All thine enemies haue opened their mouth vpon thee: they haue hissed and gnashed with their teeth; and haue said: We will deuour him: Loe this is the day, which we expected: we haue found it, we haue seene it.

*Luc. 9.*

*Ier. 31.*

*Lam. 2.*

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Goe to now ye rich men, *1 as. 5.*  
Weepe, howling for the miseries  
which shall come vpon you. Your  
riches are corrupt, and your gar-  
ments are eaten with mothes.  
Your gold and siluer is rusted: and  
their rust shall be for a testimonie  
to you, and shal eate your flesh  
as fire. You haue heaped toge-  
ther to your selues a treasure of  
wrath for the last dayes. O foo- *Sap 15*  
lish and vnfortunare soules aboue  
measure: who esteeme for naught *Ps 105.*  
the land so much to be desired:  
and albeit they see it with their *Dant.*  
eyes, yet they shall not passe over *34.*  
into it: because euil men haue *Pro 14.*  
not hope of things to come: nei- *1 Cor 2.*  
ther do they comprehend those  
things, that are of the Spirit God:  
because their malice hath blinded *Sap. 2.*  
them, and they haue not knowen  
the Sacraments of God, nor ho-  
ped for the reward of iustice,  
nor esteemed the honour of holie  
soules.

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*An other of the same subject.*

C H A P T. XXIX.

*Habac.* **L** O R D, thine eies are cleane  
 4. from seeing euil, and thou  
 canst not looke towards iniquitie.  
 Why then lookest thou not vpon  
 them that doe vniustly: and hol-  
 dest thy peace, when the impious  
 deuouteth him, that is more iust  
*Isa. 42.* then himselfe? I haue alwayes  
 held my peace (saith God) I haue  
 kept silence, I haue beene pa-  
 tient, as as woman in labour,  
 I will dissipate, and swallow up  
*Abdias.* together. If the impious shall be  
 exalted as an eagle; albeit he  
 shall build his nest among the  
 sturres, yet thence will I plucke  
*Rem. 3.* him downe, saith our Lord: be-  
 cause there is tribulation and an-  
 guish vpon euerie soule of man

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that worketh euil. Euil shall come *Iſa. 47.*  
vpon him, and he shall not know  
the riſing thereof: and calamitie  
shall fall ſodainly vpon him,  
which he cannot expiate: mi-  
ſerie ſhall come vpon him ſo-  
dainly, which he ſhall not know.  
The way of ſinners is paved with *Eccle. 2.*  
ſtones: and at the end of them  
is hell, darknes, and paines.

Woe to the ſinful nation, to *Iſa. 47.*  
the people loden with greuous  
iniquitie, to the wicked ſeed, to  
the vngacious children: they  
haue forſaken our Lord, they haue  
blaſphemed the holie one of  
Iſrael, they are reuolted back-  
wards. They haue laboured in *Iſa. 47.*  
vaine: without cauſe and in vaine  
they haue ſpent their ſtrength:  
they are periſhed, as if they had *Eccle. 2.*  
neuer beene, and are borne, as if  
they had neuer beene borne, and  
their children with them. For the  
inheritance of the children of  
ſinners ſhall periſh, and with their

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seed shall be continuance of reproch: the children complaine of an impious father, because for him they are in dishonour. Woe to you ye impious men, who haue forsaken the law of our most soueraigne Lord: for if ye be borne, ye shall be borne in malediction: and if ye shall die, in malediction shall be your portion.

*Isa. 40.* What will you doe in that day of visitation and calamitie: to whose helpe will you flee? and where

*Rom. 6.* will you leaue your glorie? What fruite haue you at this present, in those things, for which now you are ashamed? for the end of them

*Ose. 10* is death. You haue ploughed impietie, you shall reape iniquitie, and

*Ose. 8.* shall eate the fruite of lying: you haue sowed wind, and shall reape

*Psal. 1.* a whirle-wind: yea, you shall be as the dust, which the wind driueth from the face of the earth.

*Amos 3.* Heare this, you that oppresse the poore, and make the needie

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of the land to faile, saying: When  
will the moneth passe, and we will  
sell marchandise: and the Sab-  
bath, and we will open the corne?  
that we may diminish the mea-  
sure, and increase the siele, and  
use deceitful balances: that we  
may for siluer possesse the needie,  
and the poore for shooes, and  
may sell the refuse of the corne.  
Our Lord hath sworne: I will  
not forget euen to the end all  
their wo:kes. My God will cast *ose 9.*  
them away, because they haue  
not heard him. For the rich shall *isa. 2.*  
passe as the flower of the grasse.  
For as the parching sunne is no  
sooner risen, but the grasse is  
burned, and the flower thereof  
falleth away, and the beautie of  
the shape thereof perisheth: so  
the rich man likewise shall wither  
in his wayes. For thus saith Our *prom.*  
Lord: Because I called, and you  
refused: I stretched out my hand,  
and there was none that regarded:

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you haue despised all my counsel,  
and haue neglected my reprehensions: I also will laugh at your destruction, and will scoffe at you, when that shall befall you, which you feared: when sodaine calamitie shall fall on you; and destruction, as a tempest shall surprize you: when tribulation and distresse shall come vpon you.



*Of the most euil death of sinners. &  
of the particular iudgement.*

## C H A P. XXX.

*Prov. 11.* **A** SINNER being dead, there shall be no hope remaining:  
*Ecc. 1. 7.* for whereas wickednes is fearful,  
it giueth testimonie of condemnation, for a troubled conscience doth alwayes presume euil things:  
*Ier. 50.* he shall be repayed according to



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his workes; according to all things  
that he hath done, it shall be done  
to him: because he hath erected  
himselfe against our Lord, against  
the holie one of Israel. But albeit *Iob 10,*  
his pride mount vp euen to hea-  
uen, and his head touch the  
cloudes: yet in the end he shall  
be destroyed as dung, and in steed *Habac.*  
of glorie be filled with confusion: *2-1*  
for to the impious there shall *Sap. 19.*  
come wrath without mercie, euen  
to the later end: they are brought *psal 72*  
into desolation, they haue failed  
sodainly, thy haue perished for  
their iniquitie, their memorie is *psal. 9*  
perished with a sound: according *Sap. 3.*  
to the things which they haue  
thought they shall be punished:  
who haue despised the iust, and  
haue reuolted from our Lord.  
Howbeit our Lord shall laugh *Sap. 43*  
them to scorne: and after this they  
shall fall without honour, and be in  
derision among the dead for euer:  
because he shall breake them

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being puffed vp without voice,  
and shall remove them from the  
foundations, and they shall be  
made desolate vnto the highest  
degree, and shall mourne, and  
the memorie of them shall perish.  
They shall become feareful by  
thinking of their sinnes, and their  
iniquities on the contrarie shall  
conuince them. And they shall  
looke towards the earth, and be-  
hold tribulation and darknes, dis-  
solution and distresse, and a per-  
secuting myst, and they shall not  
be able to free themselves from  
their anguish. In their heate I  
will giue them to drinke, and will  
make them drunke, that they  
may be drouisie, and sleepe an  
euermlasting sleepe, and not arise,  
saith our Lord.

*Isa. 65.* For that I haue called, and  
you haue not answered; I haue  
spoken, and you haue not li-  
stened, and you haue done euil  
in mine eyes, and haue chosen the  
things,

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things, which I would not. For  
this cause thus saith our Lord. Be-  
hold, my seruants shall eate, and  
you shall be hungrie: behold, my  
seruants shall drinke, and you  
shall be thirstie: behold, my ser-  
uants shall reioyce, and you shall  
be confounded: behold my ser-  
uants shall sing through ioyful-  
nes of heart, and you shall crie  
through sorow of heart, and shall  
howle through contrition of spirit.  
Woe to him, that gathereth to-  
gether traugthe avarice to his  
house, that his nest may be on  
high, and thinketh that he is  
deliuered out of the hand of euil.  
Thou hast thought confusion to  
thy house, thou hast killed many  
people, and thy soule hath sinned.  
Because the stone out of thy wall  
shall crie: and the timber that is  
betweene the iunctures of the  
buildings shall answere: Woe  
to him, that buildeth a citie by  
blood: and furnisheth it by ini-

*Habac.*

*2.*

*E c*

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*Abdias* quitie. For thy slaughter and for  
thine iniquitie against thy bro-  
ther, confusion shall cover thee,  
and thou shalt perish for euer.



*The voice of a soule afflicted in  
Purgatorie.*

CHAP. XXXI.

*Iob 19.*

**B**EHOOLD I crie suffering vio-  
lence, and no man will heare:  
I crie out, and there is none to  
iudge. Our Lord hath hedged  
my path round about, and I can-  
not passe, and in my way hath  
put darknes. He hath spoiled me  
of my glorie, and hath taken the  
crowne from my head: he hath  
destroyed me on euerie side, and  
I perish, and as it were from a  
tree plucked, he hath taken away  
my hope. His furie is wrath  
against me, and he hath esteer

med me as hisemie. He hath  
made my brethren farre from me,  
and my acquaintance as strangers  
are departed from me. My kins-  
men haue forsaken me, and they,  
that know me, haue forgotten  
me. The guests of my house and  
my maid-seruants haue esteemed  
me as a forrainer, and in their eies  
I haue beene as a stranger. They  
that heeretofore were my coun-  
sellors, haue abhorred me, and he  
whom I loued cheefly, is turned  
from me. Haue pittie of me,  
haue pittie of me, at least you  
my friends, because the hand of  
our Lord hath touched me. I am *Iob 30.*  
brought to nothing: our Lord  
hath taken away my desire as the  
wind, and my prosperitie hath pas-  
sed away as a cloude. And now  
my soule withereth within me,  
and the dayes of affliction pos-  
seffe me. I expected good things,  
and evils are come vpon me: I ex-  
pected light, and darknes is bro-  
ken forth.

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*Eccle* 38

*Eccle* 9

*Jo.* 9.

2 *Ma-*  
*chab* 12

Be mindful of my iudgement,  
for yours also must be so: yester-  
day to me, to day to you, What-  
soeuer your hand is able to doe,  
doe it instantly: for in hell, whi-  
ther you hasten, there shall be nei-  
ther worke, nor reason, nor  
knowledge, nor wisdom. Doe  
therefore good workes, while it  
is day: the night commeth, when  
no man can worke. Imitate the  
faith of that most valiant Captaine  
Iudas Machabæus, who hauing  
made a gathering, sent twelue  
thousand drachmes of silver to  
Ierusalem, to offer sacrifice for  
sinne: thinking iustly and reli-  
giousslie of the resurrection: (for  
vnles he hoped, that they that  
were slaine, should rise againe, it  
should seeme superfluous and  
vaine to pray for the dead) and  
because he considered, that those  
that died in true pietie, had verie  
good grace reserued for them. It  
is therefore a holie and healthful

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exhortation to pray for the dead  
that they may be loosed from  
their sinnes,

Be you therefore mindful of Gen 40  
me, and doe me this mercie, to  
make mention of me to our Lord  
(the father of mercies, and God  
of all consolation) that he take  
me out of this prison. For I am  
cast into prison, neither shall I  
come out from thence, (until I  
haue repayed the last farthing.  
Heere we render life for life, eye  
for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for  
hand, foote for foote, aduision  
for aduision, wound for wound,  
stripe for stripe: heere according  
to the measure of the sinne, shall  
the measure also of the stripes be.

O God, thou hast repelled me,  
and hast destroyed me: thou hast  
beene angrie, and hast had mercie  
on me: thou hast treated me hardly  
and hast made me drinke the wine  
of compunction. From the depths  
I crie to thee, O Lord: Lord

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heare my voice. Let thine eares  
attentive, to the voice of my peti-  
tion: if thou shalt obserue in-  
iquities, O Lord: Lord who shall  
Psal. 65 *stand up?* Thou hast proued me,  
O God, by fire, thou hast tried  
me, as silver is tried: thou hast  
brought me into a snare, thou  
hast laid tribulations on my  
backe: thou hast set men (yea  
diuells) vpon my head. I haue pas-  
sed through fire and water: bring  
Osee 61 me out into refreshing. As thou  
hast wounded me, so heale me:  
as thou hast broken me, so care  
me, that I may live in thy sight.  
Micah 7 Lord, forgive me all debt, because  
I do beseech thee, and for that  
I haue not wherewith to repay it.  
Psal. 137 *Pray for me.* O Lord, and  
heare me, because I am poore and  
needie. O Lord, repay for me:  
O Lord thy mercie is for ever:  
despise not the workes of thy  
hands.





Of the calamities that shall befall the  
world, before the day of the ge-  
neral iudgement.

CHAP. XXXII.

**H**OWEYER, because the day  
of our Lord is neere: it shall  
come as destruction from our  
Lord. For this cause all hands  
shall become infirme, and euery  
heart of man shall melt, and be  
broken. Gripings and paines shall  
seaze vpon them, they shall be in  
paine as a traualing woman: eue-  
ry one shall be astonished at his  
neighbour, their countenances  
shall be as faces burnt. Behold  
the day of our Lord shal come,  
cruel, and full of indignation, and  
of wrath and fure: to bring to a  
wildernes, and to roote the sin-  
ners thereof out of it. For the

I/a. 13  
4. 2. 1

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Isa. 24.

starres of heauen and their  
brightnes shall not display their  
light. The sunne in his rising shall  
be darkened, and the moone  
shall not shine in her light: and  
and I (saith our Lord) will visite  
the wickednes of the world, and  
against the impious their sinne:  
and I will make the pride of in-  
fidels to cease, and will humble  
the arrogancie of the strong. The  
vintage shall mourne, the vine  
shall grow weake: all shall sigh  
that reioyced in heart. The ioy  
of umbrells shall cease, the sound  
of them that reioyce shall be least  
of, the sweetnes of the harpe  
shall be silent, they shall not  
drinke any more with song: the  
drinke shall be bitter to them that  
drinke the same: there shall be  
crying for the wine in the streets;  
all myrth shall be least, the ioy of  
the earth shall be taken away:  
desolation shall be left in the ci-  
tie, and calamitie shall oppresse

*found in the holie Script. 335*

the gates. Lift vp your eyes to- *Iſa. 52.*  
wards heauen, and looke downe  
vpon the earth: because the hea-  
uens shalt melt as smoke, and  
the earth shall be worne away as a  
garment, and the inhabitants  
thereof shall perish like to these  
things.

Destruction shall be called vpon *Ier. 4.*  
destruction, and all the earth shall  
be wasted. I beheld the earth,  
and lo it was void, and a thing  
of nothing: and the heauens, and  
there was no light in them. I saw  
the mountaines, and lo they were  
moued, and all the little hilles  
were troubled: the earth shall  
mourne, and the heauens shall de-  
ment from above: and euerie heart *Exod. 21*  
shall melt, and all hands shall be  
dissolued, and euerie spirit shall  
be weakened, and waters shall  
runne by all knes.

For nation shall rise against na- *Mat. 24*  
tion, and kingdome against king-  
dome: and there shall be pesti-

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lences, and famines, and earthquakes in diuers places: and because iniquitie shall abound, the charitie of many shall waxe cold.

2. Tim.

3.

In the last dayes likewise shall approach perilous times, and men shall be louers of themselves, couetous, haucie, proud; blasphemers, disobedient to their parents, vngrateful, wicked, without affection, without peace, accusers, incontinent, cruel, without benignitie, traitors, flatterers, and puffed vp, and louers of voluptuousnes, more then of God: hauing an apparence of pietie, but denying the vertue thereof.

2. Tim.

4. Tim.

The time also shall come, when they will not suffer sound doctrine: but according to their owne desires they will assemble to themselves masters, hauing itching eares, and will auert their hearing from the truth, and addict themselves to fables. There shall likewise be false teachers,

2. Pet. 2

*found in the holie Script. 337*

which shall introduce sects of perdition, and denie our Lord that bought them: bringing vpon themselves speedie perdition. And many shall follow their riotousnes, by whom the way of truth shall be blasphemed. Finally the sunne shall be turned into darke-  
*Isa. 2.*  
nes, and the moone into blood, before that the great and horrible day of our Lord doth come. Seeke  
*Soph. 2.*  
our Lord all ye meeke of the earth, you that haue done his iudgement: seeke the iust, seeke the meeke; if by any meanes you may be hidden in the day of the furie of our Lord.



*Of the last day, or of the general  
Iudgement.*

CHAPT. XXXIII.

**T**HE great day of our Lord is neere, it is neere, and exee-

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ding swift: the voice of the day  
of our Lord is bitter: the strong  
shall then haue tribulation. That  
day is a day of wrath, a day of  
tribulation and distresse, a day of  
calamitie and miserie, a day of  
clouds and whilre-wind: a day of  
the trumpēt and of sound. And  
men shall be afflicted, and they  
shall walke as if they were blind,  
because they haue sinned to our  
Lord. Yea and their silver and  
their gold shall not be able to  
shelter them in the day of the  
wrath of our Lord. All the earth  
shall be deuoured by the fire of  
zele: because he will speedily  
make an end of all those, that in-  
habite the earth.

*Psal 49*

God will come manifestly: our  
God, and he will not keepe silence.  
The fire shall be a mightie tem-  
pest. He shall call the heauen  
from aboue, and the earth to iudge  
his people: and the heauens shall  
declare his iustice, because God is  
iudge.

iudge. At his presence the earth shall tremble, the heavens shall be moued: the sunne and the moone shall be darkened, and the starres shall withdraw their shining. And our Lord will give his voice before the face of his armie: because his camps are exceeding many, they are strong doing his word: for the day of our Lord is great, and full of dread: and who shall be able to sustaine it. For *Ier. 46.* that day of our Lord the God of hostes is a day of reuenge, that he may take vengeance of his enemies.

He will gather together all Nations, and will lead them into the valley of Iosaphat, and will plead with them there. Then he will *1. Cor. 2* enlighten the hidden things of darkenes, and will make manifest the counsels of hearts. Nothing *Luc. 11* is hidden, that shall not then be reuealed: nor secret, that shall not then be known: for the

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things which we haue said in darkenes, shall be said in the light: and which we haue spoken in the eare in chambers, shall be preached on the toppes of houses.

Isa. 60. Then the loftie eies of man shall be humbled, and the pride of men shall be made to stoope: and our Lord onely shall be exalted in that day: because the day of the Lord of hostes shall be vpon euerie one that is arrogant, and he humbled. And they shal enter into the caues of rockes, and into the pittes of the earth from the face of the feare of our Lord, and from the glorie of his maiestie, when he shall stand vp to strike the earth.



*found in the bolie Script. 341*



*An other of the same subject.*

CHAP. XXXIV.

**O**UR Lord will make the *Isa. 30.*  
glorie of his voice to be  
heard, and will shew the terroug  
of his arme, in threatning of furie,  
and in flame of deuouring fire.  
For lo. our Lord will come in fire, *Isa. 66.*  
and his chariots shall be as a  
whirlewind, to render his furie in  
indignation, and his rebuking in  
flames of fire, because our Lord  
will iudge in fire: his furie shall *1 Pet. 3.*  
not returne vntil he accomplish  
the cogitation of his heart: you  
shall vnderstand those things at  
the last day. This is the day of *1. Thess.*  
our Lord, which shall come as a  
theefe in the night. For when  
they shall say. Peace and secu-  
ritie; then shall sodaine destru-

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*Is. 5.* Then come vpon them, as the  
paines to her that is with childe,  
and they shall not escape. It is  
the hower, wherein all those that  
are in the graues, shall heare the  
voice of the sonne of God, and  
and those that haue done good  
things shall come forth into the  
resurrection of life to iudgement.

*1. Cor. 5.* For we must all appeare before  
the iudgement seate of Christ,  
that euerie one may receiue in  
his bodie according as he hath  
*4. 10.* done, either good or euill: for it  
is he, that is appointed by God,  
to be the iudge of the liuing, and  
*Psal. 95* of the dead: and he will iudge  
the world in equitie, and peoples  
according to his truth.

*Apo. 1.* Behold he cometh with  
cloudes, and euerie eie shall see  
him, and they that perced him:  
*1. Reg. 4* the aduersaries of our Lord shall  
feare him, and he shall thunder  
*Malac.* vpon them from heauen. Behold  
*4.* this is the day which shall come,

*found in the holie Script. 343*

kindled as a founace: and all  
the proud, and all that commit  
impietic shall be as stubble, and  
the day comming shall enflame  
them. Then shall they begin to *Lut. 23*  
say to the mountaines, Fall vpon  
vs: and to the hills, couer vs:  
because men shall render an ac-  
count at the day of iudgement,  
of euerie idle word, which they  
shall speake.

Now when the sonne of man *Mat. 25*  
shall come in his glorie, and all  
the Angels with him, then shall  
he sitte vpon the seate of his ma-  
iestie: and all nations shall be  
gathered together before him: and  
he shall separate them one from  
an other, as a shepheard sepa-  
rateth the sheepe from the goates:  
and shall sett the sheepe at his  
right hand but the goates at his  
left. What shall I doe, when *Iob 31*  
God shall arise to iudge? and  
when he shall aske what shall  
I answer him? If I goe to the *Iob 23*  
*Eccl. 11j*

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*Soph. 1.* left hand, what shall I doe? For  
then Ierusalem it selfe shall be  
*Isa. 47.* be searched with lampes: as for  
Babylon her shame shall be dis-  
couered, and her reproch shall  
*Mat. 13.* be seene. For then the sonne of  
man shall send his Angels, and  
they shall gather out of his king-  
dome all scandales, and them  
that worke iniquitie, and shall  
cast them into a fournace of fire:  
there shall be weeping and gna-  
shing of teeth.

*2. Pet. 3.* Then the heauens shall passe  
with great violence, and the ele-  
ments shall be dissolved with  
heate: and the earth, and the  
workes which are in it, shall be

*Ua. 14.* burnt. And all the host of hea-  
uen shall melt away, and the  
heauens shall be folded together  
as a booke: and all their host  
shall fall away, as the leafe fal-  
leth from the vine, and from the  
*2. Pet. 3.* figgetree. Sithence therefore all  
these things are to be dissolved,

*found in the holie Script. 345*

what manner of men ought we to be, in holy conuersation and pietie: expecting and hastning vnto the comming of the day of our Lord: by which the heauens burning shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt by the heate of fire? But we expect new heauens and a new earth, according to his promises, in which iustice inhabiteth. Wherefore expecting these things, let vs labour earnestly to be found immaculate, and vnspotted to him in peace. To him be glorie both now, and vnto the day of eternitie. Amen.



*Of the paines of Hell.*

CHAPTER. XXXV.

**C**OME ye, and see the workes of God: who is terrible in his counsels ouer the child-

*Psal. 63*

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- Psal.* 10. dren of men. He raineth snares  
vpon sinners: fire and brimstone,  
and blast of stormes are the por-  
*Psal.* 48. tion of their cuppe. They are  
put in hell as sheepe: death shall  
*Isa.* 47. feed vpon them. Behold they are  
become as stubble, the fire hath  
burnt them, they shall not de-  
liuer their soule from the hand  
of the flame. For a fire was  
*Deut.* 32. kindled in the wrath of our Lord,  
and it shall burne euen to the  
lowest parts of hell; and it shall  
deuoure the earth, with the fruits  
thereof, and shall burne the  
*Isa.* 34. foundations of mountaines: and  
the torrents thereof shall be  
turned into pitch, and the ground  
thereof into brimstone: and the  
land thereof into burning pitch.  
*Isa.* 30. Night and day it shall not be  
quenched, the smoke thereof  
shall ascend for euer. And the  
euill spirits shall meet together,  
and shall crie one to the other,  
How all you doe kindly the fire,

*found in the holie Script. 347*

and are enuironned with flames :  
walke in the light of your fire,  
and in the flames which you haue  
kindled.

They shall lift them vpon poles, *Amos 4*  
and their remanant in potts boi-  
ling hotte: and verily the faces of *Nabū*  
them all are as the blacknes of  
a pot. Our Lord shall put them *Psal. 10*  
as a fournace of fire, in the time  
of his anger; our Lord in his  
wrath shall trouble them, and  
fire shal deuour them: fire that is *Iob 21.*  
not kindled. For to the feareful *Apoec. 23*  
and incredulous, and execrable,  
and murtherers, and fornicators,  
sorcerers, and idolaters, and all  
liars, their part shall be in the  
pools burning with fire and brim-  
stone; which is the second death.  
Their hands and feete being *22.*  
bound, they shall be cast into  
utter darkenes: there shall be  
weeping and gnashing of teeth:  
for that they shall passe from *Iob 24.*  
waters of snow to exceeding great  
heate.

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- Ier. 23.* Our Lord will feed them with wormewood, and will giue them  
*Iob 20.* them gall to drinke. Their bread in their bellie shall be turned into the gall of aspicks with in them: they shall vomit the riches which they haue deuoured, and God shall draw them out of their bellie: they shall sucke the head of aspick, and the vipers tongue shall kill them. They shall be punished for all things which they haue done, and yet they shall not be consumed: according to the multitude of their inuentions, such shall be their sufferings:  
*Iob 21.* They shall drinke of the furie of  
*Deut. 32.* the Omnipotent. The gall of dragons is their wine, and the venime of aspicks vncurable: they  
*Apoc. 14* shall drinke, I say, of the wine of the wrath of God, which is mingled with pure wine in the cuppe of his wrath, and shall be tormented with fire and brinstone in the sight of the holie Angels, and



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in the sight of the Lambe: and the smoke of their torments shall ascend for ever and ever: they *Apoc. 16* do eate their tongues for paine, and by reason of their paines and woundes they blaspheme the God of heauen.

Heare these things all ye Na- *Psal. 48*  
tions: listen with your eares all ye, that inhabit the earth; all ye earthly persons, and children of men: all together, rich and poore. Which of you can dwell *Isa. 33* with deuouring fire? which of you can dwell with euerlasting heates? Seeke our Lord there- *Isa. 55* fore whiles he may be found: call vpon him whiles he is neere. Re- *Dan. 4* deeme your sinnes with almes, and your iniquities by being mercifull to the poore: least you also *Luc. 56* come into this place of torments.

Lord, rebuke me not in thy *Psal. 6* furie, neither chastise me in thy wrath: draw me not together *Psal. 127* with sinners, neither destroy me

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with them that worke iniquitie:  
*Psal. 68* let not the depth swallow me,  
neither let the pit shut his mouth  
*Psal. 6.* vpon me: because in death there  
is not any, that is mindfull of thee;  
and in hell who will confesse to  
thee?

*The complaint of the damned, amidst  
their paines in hell.*

CHAP. XXX.

*Lam. 3.* **W**Oe to vs because we have  
sinned: for this our heart is  
become sad, for this our eyes are  
*2. Pet. 2.* darkened: for this God hath not  
spared vs (as he did not spare the  
verie Angels that sinned) but  
hath deliuered vs to be tormented  
being drawen downe into hell  
with the ropes of hell. Our Lord  
being angrie, hath deliuered vs  
vnto the tormentor, vntill we  
repay

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repay him all that we owe him:  
and for that we haue not where  
with all to doe it, we shall be  
euermore detained in this Hel-  
lish prison. He hath brought *Ezech.*  
vpon vs the depth, and many *16.*  
waters couer vs: he hath pulkt  
vs downe with those that descend  
into the lake to the euermore  
people, and hath placed vs in the  
lowest land.

Heere the mightie do mightily *Sap. 6.*  
suffer torments: and the rich *Luc. 16.*  
glutton demandeth to haue his  
tongue cooled with a little water  
on the tippe of a finger, and  
cannot obtaine this fauour: As *Apost.*  
when as we haue glorified out *18.*  
selves, and haue beene in delights,  
so much do they giue vs tor-  
ments and mourning. We haue *Iob 21.*  
lead our dayes in pleasures, and  
in a moment we are gone downe  
to hell. We haue field the tym-  
brel and the harpe, and haue re-  
ioyced at the sound of the or-

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*Iob 30.* gan. But now our harpe is turned into mourning, and our instruments into the voice of weeping.

*Apos 18* The voice of harpers and of Musiciens, and of them that play on the hauboy, and trumpet, shall no more be heard among vs: and the voice of the bride-grome and the bride shall no more be

*Mat. 2.* heard among vs: but (in steed of these) crying out and much wai-

*Mat. 2.* ling: weeping and gnashing of teeth? the gnawing of wormes,

*Isa 66.* which shall neuer die: the hissing of serpents, the chaine of dar-

*Sap. 17.* kenes, and the ratling of manicles and fetters.

*Mat. 12.* *Iob 3.* Let the day perish in which we were borne, and the night, wherein it was said: A man is conceived. Let that day be turned into darkenes: let not God require it from aboue, and let it not grow cleare with light: let darkenes and the shadow of death make it obscure: let a mist possesse it,

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and let it be wrapped in bitter-  
nes. Let a darksome while-  
wind seaze vpon that night: let  
it not be counted in the dayes of  
the yeare, nor numbred in the  
monethes: because it hath not  
shut vp the dores of the wombe,  
that did beare vs, nor taken away  
euills from our eies. Why did we  
not die in the matrice, or being  
issued forth of the wombe did not  
immediatly perish. Why were we  
receined vpon the knees? why  
were we nurced with the brea-  
stes? Why is light giuen to such  
as are miserable: and life to them  
that are in bitternes of soule?  
who expect death, and it com-  
meth not. For we seecke for  
death, and cannot find it: and *Apos 9.*  
we desire to die, and death flieth  
from vs. *1 Cor 15.*  
We haue walked in vaine, and *Iob 8.*  
shall perish: our hope is lost, and *Ezec 37*  
we are cut of. Our iniquitie is *Gen. 4.*  
greater, then that we can. (now)

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*Ier. 30.* deserve pardon. God hath stricken vs with the stroke of an enemy, with a cruel chastisement: our wound is incurable: we are fallen into this miserie by reason of the multitude of our iniquitie, and sinful obstinacie: and he hath giuen vs into everlasting reproch, and into perpetual shame, which shall neuer be put away by oblivion.

*Sap. 1.* For (in times past whiles we liued in the world) we said, thinking with our selues not well. The time of our life is short and tedious, and there is no reco-uetie in the end of man, neither is there any one known, that hath returned from helle, because we are borne of nothing, and after this we shall be, as if we had not beene: because the breath that is in our nostrills, is as smoke, and speech is as a sparkle of re fire moue our heart: which being extinguished, our

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ghoste shall be ashes, and the  
spirit shall be dispersed as soft  
layre, and our life shall passe as  
the trace of a cloude, and shall  
be dissolved as a mist, which is  
solued away by the beames of  
the sunne, and burne downe by  
the heate of the same: and our  
name in time shall be forgotten,  
and no man will remember what  
we haue done. For our life is  
as the passing of a shadow, and  
there is no returne of our end, be-  
cause it is sealed, and no man  
remembereth. These things, and  
such other (such as we haue  
thought, and haue grieved for)  
conscience hath blinded vs. But Lut 16.  
now lifting up our eyes, being in  
torments, (by the instruction) we  
see full well, that God hath crea- 5ap 21.  
ted man in mortallitie. We sense 5ap 21.  
lesse, though the life of iust men  
to be mad as, and their end  
without honour is beheld. How  
glory is rewarded among godly

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deed of God, and their lot among  
the Saints. We therefore have  
erred from the way of truth, and  
the light of iustice hath not shined  
to vs, neither hath the sunne of  
vnderstanding risen to vs. We  
have bene warped in the way of  
iniquitie and perdition, and have  
walked hard wayes, but the way  
of our Lord we have not knowen.  
What hath pride profused vs?  
for what commodity hath the bo-  
-sting of riches brought to vs? All  
these things are passed away as a  
shadow, and as a speedie messen-  
ger, and as a ship passing through  
the wauing waters, whereof, when  
it is past, the trace cannot be  
found, nor the path of that  
shippes keele in the waues: or  
as a bird both that flieth through  
the ayre, of whose passage no tra-  
-ken can be found, but onely a  
sound of the wings beating the  
light wind, and by more haue  
of going cutting the ayre, moving



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the wings shee is flowen through  
and afterward there is no signe  
found of her way: or as when  
an arrow is shot at a set marke,  
the diuided ayre is forth with  
closed in it selfe againe, so that the  
passage thereof is not knowen:  
even so we also being borne  
forth with deasdes to be, and haue  
not been able to shew any signe  
of vertue: but, in our naughti-  
nes we are consumed. Such things,  
those that haue sinned, say in  
hell: because the hope of the  
impious is as fire downe, which  
is carried away with the wind: or  
as a thinne froth, which is dis-  
persed by a storme; or as smoke  
that is scattered abroad by the  
wind, so laseth the memorie of a  
guest of this day, that passeth on  
his journey.

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the wings she is flown through

*Of the happiness of the just.*

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Sap. 5.

**B**Y the right shall due for  
 beuer, and their reward is  
 with our Lord, and their cogi-  
 tation is with the Highest: there-  
 fore they shall receive a king-  
 dome of honour, and a crowne  
 of beantie from the hand of our

Pf. 144.

Lord. And for that our Lord is  
great and exceeding laudable  
and of his greatnes there is no  
end, they (reciprocally from ge-  
neration to generation) shall  
praise his workes, and recount  
his power, & they shall speake the  
magnificence of the glorie of his  
holines, and shall tell his mira-  
cullous workes: and they shall  
tell the force of his terrible  
things, and shall declare his  
greatnes: they shall vtter the  
memorie of the abundance of

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this sweetnes, and shall reioyce in  
his iustice: they shall preach the  
glorie of his kingdome, and re-  
count his might: to the end they  
may make his might knowen to  
the children of men, and the  
glorie of the magnificence of his  
kingdome. His kingdome is an  
ouerlasting kingdome, and his do-  
minion is in all generation and ge-  
neration. Blessed are they (ô Lord) *psal. 64*  
whom thou hast chosen, and ad-  
mitted, they shall dwell in thy  
courts: they shall be replenished  
with the good of thy house: thy  
temple is holy, admirable in equi-  
tie. Blessed is the people that *psal. 88*  
knoweth iubilacion. They shall  
walke, ô Lord, in the light of  
thy countenance, and in thy  
name they shall reioyce all the  
day, and by thy iustice they shall  
be exalted: because thou (art) the  
glorie of their force. They are  
deliuered out of danger, and  
brought into their inheritance, *46.*

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into that land the floweth with  
milke and honie : and euerla-  
*Iſa. 35.* sting ioy shall be vpon their  
heads they shall obtaine ioy and  
gladnes, and sorow and mour-  
ning shall flie away.

*Iſ. 14.* The Saints shall reioyce in  
glorie, they shall be ioyful in  
their beddes: the praises of God  
shall be in their throte, and  
two-edged swordes in their  
hands: to doe reuenge in the  
nations, chastisements among  
the peoples: to bind their kings  
in fetters, and their nobles in iron  
manicles: that they may doe in  
them iudgement that is written:  
this glorie is to all his Saints.

*Apoc. 21.* And God will wipe away all  
teares from their eies: and death

*Iſa. 25.* shall be no more (for God shall  
cast death downe headlong for  
euer) nor mourning, nor

crying, neither shall there be  
sorow any more: which first

*Iſa. 49.* thinges are gone. They shall not

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hunger, nor thirst, and heate and  
sunne shall not strike them: be- *Apo. 7.*  
cause he that is mercifull to them,  
shall gouerne them, and shall  
conduct them to the fountaines  
of the waters of life. They sit *Cant 2.*  
vnder the shadow of him, whom  
they desired, and his fruit is sweet  
vnto their throte. He hath  
brought them into his wine-cellar,  
he hath ordered charitie in them:  
his left hand is vnder their head,  
and his right hand shall embrace  
them.

The eie hath not scene, & God, *Isa. 64.*  
without thee, what things thou  
hast prepared for them that ex-  
pect thee. Their eies shall see thee *Isa. 63.*  
their king in thy beautie, they  
shall behold the earth a farre of.  
And wee shall be filled seeing thy *Eccle.*  
glorie. Now they say to thee, as <sup>42,</sup>  
the Queene of Saba in former time  
said to King Salomon: The re- *3. Reg.*  
port is true, which we haue heard <sup>10,</sup>  
in our countrie, touching thy

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wordes, and wisdom: and we  
haue heard. Blessed are thy men,  
and blessed are thy seruants, which  
are alwayes in thy presence, and  
*Psal 47* heare thy wisdom. As we haue  
heard (say they) so we haue seene  
in the citie of our God: God hath  
founded it for euer.

*Psal 30* O how great is the multitude of  
thy sweetnes, O Lord, which thou  
hast hid for them that feare thee:  
thou hast perfected it for the  
hope in the sight of the children  
of men: thou shalt hide the  
secret of thy face from the distur-  
bance of men: thou shalt protect  
them in thy tabernacle from the  
contradiction of tongues. They  
shall reioyce before thee, as they  
that reioyce in harvest: as con-  
querors reioyce after the taking  
of pillage, when they diuide the

*Psal 67* spoyle. They make merie and  
reioyce in thy sight, O God: and

*Psal 148* are delighted in mirth: they are  
in**ebriated** through the plentie of  
thy

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thy houſey and thou makeſt them  
to drinke of the torrent of thy  
pleaſures becauſe with thee is  
the fountaine of life: and in thy  
light they do ſee light; O King of  
Kings, and Lord of Lords: who  
only haſt immortallitie, and  
dwellſt in an inaceſſible light:  
whome no man hath ſeene, nor  
can ſee: to thee be honour and  
empire euerlaſting. Amen.

1. Tim.  
6.

~~And give him; make for you  
purchase of our ſoules to be ſaved~~

that waſteth not in heauen: whome  
neither doth the moſt corrupt;

W H O ſhall aſcend into the

Psal. 23

heauen of our Lord: or where  
he ſhall abide alwayes in his holy  
place: He that is innocēt of hands,  
and cleane of heart: that hath not  
taken his ſworne in vaine: nor  
ſworne in fraud to his neighbour:  
he ſhall receiue bleſſing from our

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Lord, and mercie from God his  
Saviour. Let vs labour, not for the  
the meate that perissheth, but for  
that which endureth ynto life euer-  
lasting: for the kingdom of God

Rom. 14  
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is not meate and drinke, but iu-  
stice and peace, and ioy in the holy

1. Cor. 4

Ghost: neither doth the kingdom  
of God consist in wordes, but in

Luc. 13.

vertue. Strive to enter by the nar-  
row gate, because many shall  
seeke to enter, and shall not be

Luc. 11.

able. Sell things that you possesse,  
and give almes: make for you  
purse, that weare not, a treasure  
that wasteth not in heauen: whi-  
ther the thiefe approacheth not,  
neither doth the moth corrupt:

Luc. 14  
(2. 10)

because rubie one that doth not  
renounce all that he possesseth,  
cannot be the disciple of Iesus  
Christ.

Mat. 5.

Blessed are the poor in spirit  
for as he is the kingdom of God.  
Blessed are the meek: for they  
shall possesse the land. Blessed are



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they that mourne: for they shall  
be comforted. Blessed are they  
that hunger and thirst for iustice:  
for they shall be filled. Blessed are  
the mercifull: for they shall see  
God. Blessed are the peace ma-  
kers: for they shall be called the  
children of God. Blessed are they,  
that suffer persecution for iustice:  
for theirs is the kingdome of hea-  
ven: for that by many tribulations  
we must enter into the kingdome  
of God: our light affliction like  
wise; which is transitorie, produ-  
ceth in vs exceedingly an eternal  
weight of glorie: when we do not  
regard the things that are visible,  
but those that are invisible: for  
things visible, are temporal: but  
those that are invisible are eternal.  
We know in like sort, that if our  
earthly house of this habitation  
be dissolved, we have a building  
of God, a house, not made with  
hand, eternal in heauen. For this  
cause also we grieve, desiring to be

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ouer-clothed with ornamentation  
that is from heauen: yet so that  
we be found clothed; and not naked.

Mat. 7.

Nor castie odd that (saith to  
me. Lord, Lord, (saith Iesus Christ))  
shall enter into the Kingdome of  
heauen: but he that doeth the will  
of my father which is in heauen,  
he shall enter into the Kingdome  
of heauen.

Heb. 4.

Tit. 2.

Let vs feare therefore; lest  
perhaps forsaking the promise of  
entering into his rest, some of vs be  
found to be wanting. But we live  
liberally in this world, and religiously  
in this world, expecting the blessed  
hope and coming of the glorious  
King of the great God, and our Saviour

Eccle. 9.

Iesus Christ. And, since we must  
knowe howe much we are in the world  
this of loue, or hatred, but all  
things are reserved vncertaine for  
the time to come: let vs consider  
in feare during the time of our  
regrination. Let vs not be, but

Rom. 11

wise, but feare: for if God hath

*found in the helie Scripe. 367*

not spare the natural boughes:  
let vs be ware, lest peradventure he  
do not spare vs neither. For we are *Heb 3:*  
made partakers of Christ; yet so,  
that we keepe the beginning of  
his substance firme unto the end.

Wherefore employing all care, *1. Pet. 1:*  
let vs; and in vertue minister in  
our faith, verue knowledge:  
and in knowledge; abstinence:  
and in abstinence; patience:  
petic; loue of fraternitie: and in  
the loue of fraternitie; charitie:  
and in patience, petic: and in  
and let vs labour especially, that by  
good workes we may make sure  
our vocation and election: for,  
doing these things, we shall not  
faine at any time. And so there  
shall be ministered to vs abundantly  
an entrance into the euer  
lasting kingdome of our Lord and  
Saviour Iesus Christ.

not spared the natural brightness

~~of the sun and moon and stars~~

~~to give light to the world for we are~~

of the heavenly Jerusalem

that we keep the beginning of

the end XXXIX

Wherefore employing all care

Pf. 147. **O** Jerusalem praise our

Lord: praise thy God

Sion: because he hath strengthened

the borders of thy gates, he hath

blest thy children in thee: which

hath given peace to thy borders,

and hath thee, with the faith of

Pf. 137. **Y**e that sit in the city of

Babylon we sit in weeping when

Isa. 26. we remember thee, O Sion

the title of our strength: our

stronghold in place of the tower

and bulwark: Open the gates,

and let the righteous nation enter in,

Pf. 136. that keepeth covenant: I forget

thee, Jerusalem: thy name shall

be forgotten: let my tongue cleave

to my jaws, if I do not remember

thee: if I do not set Jerusalem in

the beginning of my joy. Inqui-  
 sit shall no more be heard in thy  
 land; nor wall and destruction in  
 thy borders; and saluation shall  
 possesse thy wildnesse, and praise thy  
 gates. The house of thine habitation  
 no more to shine by day; neither  
 shall the brightness of the sunbe  
 in lighten thee; but thou shalt  
 be for an habitation of praise  
 unto thee; and thy God for thy glory.  
 All thy people shall be just, and  
 shall euertlastingly inherite the  
 land. I. hab. 2. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95. 96. 97. 98. 99. 100. 101. 102. 103. 104. 105. 106. 107. 108. 109. 110. 111. 112. 113. 114. 115. 116. 117. 118. 119. 120. 121. 122. 123. 124. 125. 126. 127. 128. 129. 130. 131. 132. 133. 134. 135. 136. 137. 138. 139. 140. 141. 142. 143. 144. 145. 146. 147. 148. 149. 150. 151. 152. 153. 154. 155. 156. 157. 158. 159. 160. 161. 162. 163. 164. 165. 166. 167. 168. 169. 170. 171. 172. 173. 174. 175. 176. 177. 178. 179. 180. 181. 182. 183. 184. 185. 186. 187. 188. 189. 190. 191. 192. 193. 194. 195. 196. 197. 198. 199. 200. 201. 202. 203. 204. 205. 206. 207. 208. 209. 210. 211. 212. 213. 214. 215. 216. 217. 218. 219. 220. 221. 222. 223. 224. 225. 226. 227. 228. 229. 230. 231. 232. 233. 234. 235. 236. 237. 238. 239. 240. 241. 242. 243. 244. 245. 246. 247. 248. 249. 250. 251. 252. 253. 254. 255. 256. 257. 258. 259. 260. 261. 262. 263. 264. 265. 266. 267. 268. 269. 270. 271. 272. 273. 274. 275. 276. 277. 278. 279. 280. 281. 282. 283. 284. 285. 286. 287. 288. 289. 290. 291. 292. 293. 294. 295. 296. 297. 298. 299. 300. 301. 302. 303. 304. 305. 306. 307. 308. 309. 310. 311. 312. 313. 314. 315. 316. 317. 318. 319. 320. 321. 322. 323. 324. 325. 326. 327. 328. 329. 330. 331. 332. 333. 334. 335. 336. 337. 338. 339. 340. 341. 342. 343. 344. 345. 346. 347. 348. 349. 350. 351. 352. 353. 354. 355. 356. 357. 358. 359. 360. 361. 362. 363. 364. 365. 366. 367. 368. 369. 370. 371. 372. 373. 374. 375. 376. 377. 378. 379. 380. 381. 382. 383. 384. 385. 386. 387. 388. 389. 390. 391. 392. 393. 394. 395. 396. 397. 398. 399. 400. 401. 402. 403. 404. 405. 406. 407. 408. 409. 410. 411. 412. 413. 414. 415. 416. 417. 418. 419. 420. 421. 422. 423. 424. 425. 426. 427. 428. 429. 430. 431. 432. 433. 434. 435. 436. 437. 438. 439. 440. 441. 442. 443. 444. 445. 446. 447. 448. 449. 450. 451. 452. 453. 454. 455. 456. 457. 458. 459. 460. 461. 462. 463. 464. 465. 466. 467. 468. 469. 470. 471. 472. 473. 474. 475. 476. 477. 478. 479. 480. 481. 482. 483. 484. 485. 486. 487. 488. 489. 490. 491. 492. 493. 494. 495. 496. 497. 498. 499. 500. 501. 502. 503. 504. 505. 506. 507. 508. 509. 510. 511. 512. 513. 514. 515. 516. 517. 518. 519. 520. 521. 522. 523. 524. 525. 526. 527. 528. 529. 530. 531. 532. 533. 534. 535. 536. 537. 538. 539. 540. 541. 542. 543. 544. 545. 546. 547. 548. 549. 550. 551. 552. 553. 554. 555. 556. 557. 558. 559. 560. 561. 562. 563. 564. 565. 566. 567. 568. 569. 570. 571. 572. 573. 574. 575. 576. 577. 578. 579. 580. 581. 582. 583. 584. 585. 586. 587. 588. 589. 590. 591. 592. 593. 594. 595. 596. 597. 598. 599. 600. 601. 602. 603. 604. 605. 606. 607. 608. 609. 610. 611. 612. 613. 614. 615. 616. 617. 618. 619. 620. 621. 622. 623. 624. 625. 626. 627. 628. 629. 630. 631. 632. 633. 634. 635. 636. 637. 638. 639. 640. 641. 642. 643. 644. 645. 646. 647. 648. 649. 650. 651. 652. 653. 654. 655. 656. 657. 658. 659. 660. 661. 662. 663. 664. 665. 666. 667. 668. 669. 670. 671. 672. 673. 674. 675. 676. 677. 678. 679. 680. 681. 682. 683. 684. 685. 686. 687. 688. 689. 690. 691. 692. 693. 694. 695. 696. 697. 698. 699. 700. 701. 702. 703. 704. 705. 706. 707. 708. 709. 710. 711. 712. 713. 714. 715. 716. 717. 718. 719. 720. 721. 722. 723. 724. 725. 726. 727. 728. 729. 730. 731. 732. 733. 734. 735. 736. 737. 738. 739. 740. 741. 742. 743. 744. 745. 746. 747. 748. 749. 750. 751. 752. 753. 754. 755. 756. 757. 758. 759. 760. 761. 762. 763. 764. 765. 766. 767. 768. 769. 770. 771. 772. 773. 774. 775. 776. 777. 778. 779. 780. 781. 782. 783. 784. 785. 786. 787. 788. 789. 790. 791. 792. 793. 794. 795. 796. 797. 798. 799. 800. 801. 802. 803. 804. 805. 806. 807. 808. 809. 810. 811. 812. 813. 814. 815. 816. 817. 818. 819. 820. 821. 822. 823. 824. 825. 826. 827. 828. 829. 830. 831. 832. 833. 834. 835. 836. 837. 838. 839. 840. 841. 842. 843. 844. 845. 846. 847. 848. 849. 850. 851. 852. 853. 854. 855. 856. 857. 858. 859. 860. 861. 862. 863. 864. 865. 866. 867. 868. 869. 870. 871. 872. 873. 874. 875. 876. 877. 878. 879. 880. 881. 882. 883. 884. 885. 886. 887. 888. 889. 890. 891. 892. 893. 894. 895. 896. 897. 898. 899. 900. 901. 902. 903. 904. 905. 906. 907. 908. 909. 910. 911. 912. 913. 914. 915. 916. 917. 918. 919. 920. 921. 922. 923. 924. 925. 926. 927. 928. 929. 930. 931. 932. 933. 934. 935. 936. 937. 938. 939. 940. 941. 942. 943. 944. 945. 946. 947. 948. 949. 950. 951. 952. 953. 954. 955. 956. 957. 958. 959. 960. 961. 962. 963. 964. 965. 966. 967. 968. 969. 970. 971. 972. 973. 974. 975. 976. 977. 978. 979. 980. 981. 982. 983. 984. 985. 986. 987. 988. 989. 990. 991. 992. 993. 994. 995. 996. 997. 998. 999. 1000.

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- Apo. 21.* Thy walls are of iasper stone, and their foundations are adorned with all precious stone. Thy gates are of most rich pearles, one gate being of one scutal pearle: thy streetes are of pure gold, as it were transparent glasse, in which *Alleluia* is incessantly sung. In thee there are many mansions, distributed to each one according to the merit of his workes. For as one starre is different from another starre in brightness: so shall also be the resurrection of the dead. Thou needest not sunne, nor moone, to shine in thee: for the glorie of God doth illuminate thee, and the Lambe is thy lampe. And the nations shall walke in thy light, and the kings of the earth shall bring their glorie and honour into thee: and thy gates shall not be shut by day, for there shall be no night in thee. There shall not enter into thee any polluted thing, or that doth abomination, and falshood.

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but onely they that are written  
in the booke of life of the Lambe.  
In shee there shall be neither blind,  
nor lame, nor crooke backed, nor  
blebbed, nor any that hath any  
blemish: sithence that in thee all  
shall meete into a perfect man, to  
them a cure of the age of the fumes  
of Christ.

*Leuit. 21.  
1. 2. 3.  
Ephes. 4*

How beloved are thy taberna-  
cles, O Lord of hostes: my soule  
longeth and languisheth after thy  
courts: because one day there, is  
better then thousands elsewhere:  
I have chosen to be an abiect in  
the house of my God, rather then  
to dwell in the tabernacles of sin-  
ners. I have asked one thing of  
our Lord, this I will seeke for: to  
wisthat I may dwell in the house  
of our Lord, all the dayes of my  
life: Lord, I have loved the beau-  
tie of thy house, and the place of  
the habitation of thy glorie: I shall  
be filled, when thy glorie shall ap-  
peare. Blessed are they that dwell

*Psalm 39.  
Psalm 26.  
Psalm 25.  
Psalm 16.  
Psalm 84.*

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in thy house, they shall praise thee  
for euer and euer.

*Ps. 117.* I shall be happie, and it will goe  
well with me, if after the course of

*Ps. 136.* this life, I shall be found worthy  
to sing to my God an hymne of  
the songs of Sion: and to serue  
and assist my Lord and my God,

*Dan. 7.* whome the Angels serue and as-  
sist: by thousands of thousands,  
and by ten thousand hundred

*Isa. 33.* thousands: and to see my King in  
his beautie, according as he hath  
graciously promised, saying: Fa-  
ther, whom thou hast given me,

*Jo. 17.* I will, that where I am, they also  
may be with me: that they may  
see my glorie, which thou hast giue  
me; because thou hast loued me  
before the creation of the world.

And in another place: If any man  
serue me, let him follow me: and  
where I am, there also shall my  
seruant be. And againe: he that  
loueth me, shall be loued of my  
father: and I will loue him, and



will manifest my selfe to him.

O good Iesu, the Word of the  
 Father, the brightnes of the Fa-  
 thers glorie, on whome the An-  
 gels desire to looke: teach vs to  
 doe thy will, to the end, that (being  
 conducted by thy holy Spirit) we  
 may attaine to that happie cite, to  
 that blessed people, that knoweth  
 the sound of ioy: that is, to the  
 first borne; whom thou hast con-  
 ducted into the haven of their  
 will: where thou, O Lord, the  
 hope of the Saints, dost on eue-  
 ric side reioyce them, by thy  
 peace, which surpasseth all vn-  
 derstanding: vouchsafe to ge-  
 uerne vs in this great and spacious  
 sea: to the end, that the tempest  
 of water do not drowne vs, nor  
 the depth swallow vs. Make thy  
 face to shine vpon vs, and haue  
 mercie on vs: that attending to  
 thee, as to a candle shinning in a  
 darke place, we also may be  
 brought out of the storme into

Is. 2.

Heb. 1.

1. Pet. 1.

Ps. 145.

Ps. 138.

Heb. 11.

Ps. 106.

Is. 40.

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Ps. 103.

Ps. 68.

Ps. 66.

2. Pet. 1.

Ps. 106.

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the calme and be conducted from  
out of the sea into the haven;  
and from thence to the fenced  
cite, to the cite of the kingdom;  
to the cite of the lust out, to the  
faithfull cite, and of the faithfull;  
that is to say, to mount Zion, and  
the cite of the living God, to the  
heavenly Jerusalem, where we  
shall see thee face to face, and  
being made worthy to be parta-  
kers of the inheritance of the  
Saints, shall praise thee with  
this inheritance for ever and  
ever. Amen.



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